

**WISCONSIN STATUTES  
AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
  
RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF  
PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGY,  
PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGY,  
AND  
PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENCE**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists licenses and regulates the professions of geology, hydrology and soil science. It also regulates firms, partnerships and corporations which provide geological, hydrological and soil science services. The Board is composed of professional and public members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The Board conducts much of its business through 3 sub-units called “Sections” (the Professional Geologists Section, the Professional Hydrologists Section, and Professional Soil Scientists Section). Each section has 3 professional members and 1 public member.

The regulation of professional geologists, hydrologists and soil scientists was contained in 1997 Wisconsin Act 300. This act was published on June 30, 1998, except that certain provisions became effective on the day after publication. They related to board member appointments, the conversion of professional geologist registrations under the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors to a license under the new board, the issuance of professional hydrologist and professional soil scientist licenses for several months without examination, and the promulgation of emergency rules. The issuance of licenses without examination to otherwise qualified applicants was permitted until December 31, 1999.

The Department of Regulation and Licensing is an umbrella agency providing administrative services to the various professional boards. Within the Department, the Bureau of Business and Design Professions provides administrative services to the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists. Requests for information or technical questions may be directed to the Board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, PO Box 8935, Madison WI 53708. Telephone number: (608) 266-5511 or TTY# (608) 267-2416 and TRS# 1-800-947-3529.

This book contains statutes and rules relevant to the regulation and practice of these professions in Wisconsin. The statutes relate to the structure and authority of the Board, the structure and authority of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, and the regulation of the practice of professional geology, hydrology and soil science in the state of Wisconsin. All administrative rules of the Board are included in this book.

The development of statutes and rules is ongoing. Therefore, these statutes and rules may be revised subsequent to the printing of this book. Most local libraries maintain current sets of the Wisconsin Statutes. Both statutes and rules are available at Web pages of the Wisconsin Legislature.

All Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Codes are available on the Internet at the following addresses:

Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/statutes.html>

Rules: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/codtoc.html>

## CHAPTER 15

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#### SUBCHAPTER I

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

**15.001 Declaration of policy.** (1) THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT. The “republican form of government” guaranteed by the U.S. constitution contemplates the separation of powers within state government among the legislative, the executive and the judicial branches of the government. The legislative branch has the broad objective of determining policies and programs and review of program performance for programs previously authorized, the executive branch carries out the programs and policies and the judicial branch has the responsibility for adjudicating any conflicts which might arise from the interpretation or application of the laws. It is a traditional concept of American government that the 3 branches are to function separately, without intermingling of authority, except as specifically provided by law.

(2) **GOALS OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH ORGANIZATION.** (a) As the chief administrative officer of the state, the governor should be provided with the administrative facilities and the authority to carry out the functions of the governor’s office efficiently and effectively within the policy limits established by the legislature.

(b) The administrative agencies which comprise the executive branch should be consolidated into a reasonable number of departments and independent agencies consistent with executive capacity to administer effectively at all levels.

(c) The integration of the agencies in the executive branch should be on a functional basis, so that programs can be coordinated.

(d) Each agency in the executive branch should be assigned a name commensurate with the scope of its program responsibilities, and should be integrated into one of the departments or independent agencies of the executive branch as closely as the conflicting goals of administrative integration and responsiveness to the legislature will permit.

(3) **GOALS OF CONTINUING REORGANIZATION.** Structural reorganization should be a continuing process through careful executive and legislative appraisal of the placement of proposed new programs and the coordination of existing programs in response to changing emphasis or public needs, and should be consistent with the following goals:

(a) The organization of state government should assure its responsiveness to popular control. It is the goal of reorganization to improve legislative policy-making capability and to improve the administrative capability of the executive to carry out these policies.

(b) The organization of state government should facilitate communication between citizens and government. It is the goal of reorganization through coordination of related programs in function-oriented departments to improve public understanding of government programs and policies and to improve the relationships between citizens and administrative agencies.

(c) The organization of state government shall assure efficient and effective administration of the policies established by the legislature. It is the goal of reorganization to promote efficiency by improving the management and coordination of state services and by eliminating overlapping activities.

History: 1991 a 316.

**15.01 Definitions.** In this chapter: (1g) “Affiliated credentialing board” means a part-time body that meets all of the following conditions:

(a) Is attached to an examining board to regulate a profession that does not practice independently of the profession regulated by the examining board or that practices in collaboration with the profession regulated by the examining board.

(b) With the advice of the examining board to which it is attached, sets standards of professional competence and conduct for the profession under the affiliated credentialing board’s supervision, reviews the qualifications of prospective new practitioners, grants credentials, takes disciplinary action against credential holders and performs other functions assigned to it by law.

(1r) “Board” means a part-time body functioning as the policy-making unit for a department or independent agency or a part-time body with policy-making or quasi-judicial powers.

(2) “Commission” means a 3-member governing body in charge of a department or independent agency or of a division or other subunit within a department, except for the Wisconsin waterways commission which shall consist of 5 members, the parole commission which shall consist of 8 members, and the Fox River management commission which shall consist of 7 members. A Wisconsin group created for participation in a continuing interstate body, or the interstate body itself, shall be known as a “commission”, but is not a commission for purposes of s. 15.06. The parole commission created under s. 15.145 (1) shall be known as a “commission”, but is not a commission for purposes of s. 15.06. The sentencing commission created under s. 15.105 (27) shall be known as a “commission” but is not a commission for purposes of s. 15.06 (1) to (4m), (7), and (9).

(3) “Committee” means a part-time body appointed to study a specific problem and to recommend a solution or policy alternative with respect to that problem, and intended to terminate on the completion of its assignment. Because of their temporary nature, committees shall be created by session law rather than by statute.

(4) “Council” means a part-time body appointed to function on a continuing basis for the study, and recommendation of solutions and policy alternatives, of the problems arising in a specified functional area of state government, except the Wisconsin land council has the powers specified in s. 16.965 (3) and (5) and the powers granted to agencies under ch. 227, the Milwaukee River revitalization council has the powers and duties specified in s. 23.18, the council on physical disabilities has the powers and duties specified in s. 46.29 (1) and (2), and the state council on alcohol and other drug abuse has the powers and duties specified in s. 14.24.

(5) “Department” means the principal administrative agency within the executive branch of Wisconsin state government, but does not include the independent agencies under subch. III.

(6) “Division,” “bureau,” “section” and “unit” means the subunits of a department or an independent agency, whether specifically created by law or created by the head of the department or the independent agency for the more economic and efficient administration and operation of the programs assigned to the department or independent agency. The office of justice assistance in the department of administration and the office of credit unions in the

department of financial institutions have the meaning of “division” under this subsection. The office of the long-term care ombudsman under the board on aging and long-term care and the office of educational accountability in the department of public instruction have the meaning of “bureau” under this subsection.

(7) “Examining board” means a part-time body which sets standards of professional competence and conduct for the profession under its supervision, prepares, conducts and grades the examinations of prospective new practitioners, grants licenses, investigates complaints of alleged unprofessional conduct and performs other functions assigned to it by law. “Examining board” includes the board of nursing.

(8) “Head”, in relation to a department, means the constitutional officer, commission, secretary or board in charge of the department. “Head”, in relation to an independent agency, means the commission, commissioner or board in charge of the independent agency.

(9) “Independent agency” means an administrative agency within the executive branch created under subch. III.

**History:** 1977 c. 29, 274, 1979 c. 34; 1983 a. 27, 189, 371, 410, 538; 1985 a. 29, 120, 180; 1987 s. 27, 342, 399; 1989 a. 31, 107, 202; 1991 a. 39, 269, 315; 1993 a. 16, 107, 210, 215; 1995 a. 27 ss. 74 and 9145 (1); 1995 a. 442, 462; 1997 a. 27, 237; 2001 a. 16, 105, 109.

**15.02 Offices, departments and independent agencies.** The constitutional offices, administrative departments and independent agencies which comprise the executive branch of Wisconsin state government are structured as follows:

(1) **SEPARATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES.** The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and state treasurer each head a staff to be termed the “office” of the respective constitutional officer.

(2) **PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.** The principal administrative unit of the executive branch is a “department” or an “independent agency”. Each such unit shall bear a title beginning with the words “State of Wisconsin” and continuing with “department of...” or with the name of the independent agency. A department may be headed by a constitutional officer, a secretary, a commission or a board. An independent agency may be headed by a commission, a commissioner or a board.

(3) **INTERNAL STRUCTURE.** (a) The secretary of each department may, subject to sub.(4), establish the internal structure within the office of secretary so as to best suit the purposes of his or her department. No secretary may authorize the designation of “assistant secretary” as the official position title of any employee of his or her department.

(b) For field operations, departments may establish district or area offices which may cut across divisional lines of responsibility.

(c) For their internal structure, all departments shall adhere to the following standard terms, and independent agencies are encouraged to review their internal structure and to adhere as much as possible to the following standard terms:

1. The principal subunit of the department is the “division”. Each division shall be headed by an “administrator”. The office of justice assistance in the department of administration and the office of credit unions in the department of financial institutions have the meaning of “division” and the executive staff director of the office of justice assistance in the department of administration and the director of credit unions have the meaning of “administrator” under this subdivision.

2. The principal subunit of the division is the “bureau”. Each bureau shall be headed by a “director”. The office of the long-term care ombudsman under the board on aging and long-term care and the office of educational accountability in the department of public instruction have the meaning of “bureau” under this subdivision.

2m. Notwithstanding subds. 1. and 2., the principal subunit of the department of tourism is the “bureau”, which shall be headed by a “director”.

3. If further subdivision is necessary, bureaus may be divided into subunits which shall be known as “sections” and which shall be headed by “chiefs” and sections may be divided into subunits which shall be known as “units” and which shall be headed by “supervisors”.

(4) **INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND ALLOCATION OF FUNCTIONS.** The head of each department or independent agency shall, subject to the approval of the governor, establish the internal organization of the department or independent agency and allocate and reallocate duties and functions not assigned by law to an officer or any subunit of the

department or independent agency to promote economic and efficient administration and operation of the department or independent agency. The head may delegate and redelegate to any officer or employee of the department or independent agency any function vested by law in the head. The governor may delegate the authority to approve selected organizational changes to the head of any department or independent agency.

**History:** 1971 c. 261; 1973 c. 12; 1975 c. 39; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 221; 1987 a. 27, 399; 1993 a. 16, 184, 215, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 75, 76, 76c and 9145 (1); 1997 a. 27.

**Limits of internal departmental reorganization discussed. 61 Att’y. Gen. 306.**

**15.03 Attachment for limited purposes.** Any division, office, commission, council or board attached under this section to a department or independent agency or a specified division thereof shall be a distinct unit of that department, independent agency or specified division. Any division, office, commission, council or board so attached shall exercise its powers, duties and functions prescribed by law, including rule making, licensing and regulation, and operational planning within the area of program responsibility of the head of the department or independent agency, but budgeting, program coordination and related management functions shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the head of the department or independent agency, except that with respect to the office of the commissioner of railroads, all personnel and biennial budget requests by the office of the commissioner of railroads shall be provided to the department of transportation as required under s. 189.02 (7) and shall be processed and properly forwarded by the public service commission without change except as requested and concurred in by the office of the commissioner of railroads.

**History:** 1981 c. 347; 1983 a. 27; 1993 a. 123; 1999 a. 9.

**15.04 Heads of departments and independent agencies; powers and duties.** (1) **DUTIES.** Each head of a department or independent agency shall:

(a) **Supervision.** Except as provided in s. 15.03, plan, direct, coordinate and execute the functions vested in the department or independent agency.

(b) **Budget.** Biennially compile a comprehensive program budget which reflects all fiscal matters related to the operation of the department or independent agency and each program, subprogram and activity therein.

(c) **Advisory bodies.** In addition to any councils specifically created by law, create and appoint such councils or committees as the operation of the department or independent agency requires. Members of councils and committees created under this general authority shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and, if such reimbursement is made, such reimbursement in the case of an officer or employee of this state who represents an agency as a member of such a council or committee shall be paid by the agency which pays the officer’s or employee’s salary.

(d) **Biennial report.** On or before October 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the governor and the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2), a report on the performance and operations of the department or independent agency during the preceding biennium, and projecting the goals and objectives of the department or independent agency as developed for the program budget report. The secretary of administration may prescribe the format of the report and may require such other information deemed appropriate. Each department or independent agency shall provide a copy of its biennial report to legislators upon request. Any department or independent agency may issue such additional reports on its findings and recommendations as its operations require. A department or independent agency may, on or before October 15, submit an annual report prepared by it, in place of the biennial report required under this paragraph, if the submission of the annual reports is approved by the secretary of administration.

(e) **Seal.** Have authority to adopt a seal for the department or independent agency.

(f) **Bonds.** Have authority to require that any officer or employee of the department or independent agency give an official bond under ch.

19, if the secretary of administration agrees that the position held by such officer or employee requires bonding.

**(g) Discrimination review.** In order to determine whether there is any arbitrary discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or sexual orientation as defined in s. 11.1.32 (13m), examine and assess the statutes under which the head has powers or regulatory responsibilities, the procedures by which those statutes are administered and the rules promulgated under those statutes. If the department or agency head finds any such discrimination, he or she shall take remedial action, including making recommendations to the appropriate executive, legislative or administrative authority.

**(i) Records and forms management program.** Establish and maintain a records and forms management program.

**(j) Records and forms officer.** Appoint a records and forms officer, who shall be responsible for compliance by the department or independent agency with all records and forms management laws and rules and who may prevent any form from being put into use.

**(k) Form numbering and filing system.** Establish a numbering and filing system for forms.

**(m) Notice on forms.** See that each form used by the department or independent agency to seek information from municipalities, counties or the public contains on the first page of the form, or in the instructions for completing the form, a conspicuous notice of the authorization for the form, whether or not completing the form is voluntary, if it is not voluntary, the penalty for failure to respond and whether or not any personally identifiable information, as defined under s. 19.62 (5), requested in the form is likely to be used for purposes other than for which it is originally being collected. This paragraph does *not* apply to state tax forms.

**(2) DEPUTY.** Each secretary of a department or head of an independent agency under s. 230.08 (2) (L) may appoint a deputy who shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary or agency head outside the classified service. The deputy shall exercise the powers, duties and functions of the secretary or head in the absence of the secretary or head, and shall perform such other duties as the secretary or head prescribes. The adjutant general may appoint 2 deputies as provided in s. 21.18 (1). In this subsection "secretary" includes the attorney general and the state superintendent of public instruction.

**(3) DEPUTY APPROVALS.** Positions for which appointment is made under sub.(2) may be authorized only under s. 16.505.

**History:** 1971 c. 125; 1975 c. 94; 1977 c. 196, 273, 418, 447; 1979 c. 221; 1981 c. 112, 350; 1981 c. 391 s. 210, 1983 a. 27, 524; 1985 a. 29; 1985 a. 180 ss. 2 to 4, 30m; 1985 a. 332; 1987 a. 147 s. 25; 1987 a. 186; 1989 a. 248; 1991 a. 39, 189; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 73.

**15.05 Secretaries. (1) SELECTION.** (a) If a department is under the direction and supervision of a secretary, the secretary shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(b) Except as provided in pars.(c) and (d), if a department is under the direction and supervision of a board, the board shall appoint a secretary to serve at the pleasure of the board outside the classified service. In such departments, the powers and duties of the board shall be regulatory, advisory and policy-making, and not administrative. All of the administrative powers and duties of the department are vested in the secretary, to be administered by him or her under the direction of the board. The secretary, with the approval of the board, shall promulgate rules for administering the department and performing the duties assigned to the department.

(c) The secretary of natural resources shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(d) The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

**(3) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.** Each secretary may appoint an executive assistant to serve at his or her pleasure outside the classified service. The executive assistant shall perform duties as the secretary prescribes. In this subsection, "secretary" includes the attorney general, the adjutant general, the director of the technical college system and the state superintendent of public instruction.

**(3m) FIELD DISTRICT OR FIELD AREA DIRECTORS.** Each secretary may appoint a director under the classified service for each district or area office established in his or her department under s. 15.02 (3) (b).

**(4) OFFICIAL OATH.** Each secretary shall take and file the official oath prior to assuming office.

**(5) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT APPROVALS.** Positions for which appointment is made under sub.(3) may be authorized only under s. 16.505.

**History:** 1973 c. 90; 1977 c. 4, 196; 1985 a. 18; 1985 a. 332 s. 251 (3); 1989 a. 31, 169; 1993 a. 399; 1995 a. 27.

A secretary, appointed by the governor, could be removed only by the governor, even though the general appointment statute had been amended to provide that the secretary is appointed by a board to serve at the board's pleasure. *Moses v. Board of Veterans Affairs*, 80 Wis. 2d 411, 259 N.W.2d 102 (1977).

**15.06 Commissions and commissioners. (1) SELECTION OF MEMBERS.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the members of commissions shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for staggered 6-year terms expiring on March 1 of the odd-numbered years.

(ag) Members of the Wisconsin waterways commission shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for staggered 5-year terms.

(ar) The commissioner of railroads shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for a 6-year term expiring on March 1 of an odd-numbered year.

(b) The commissioner of insurance shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the governor. The governor may remove from office the commissioner of insurance who was appointed for a fixed term before August 1, 1987.

(d) The members of the personnel commission shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for 5-year terms, subject to the following conditions:

1. At least one member shall be licensed to practice law in this state.

2. They shall possess some professional experience in the field of personnel or labor relations.

3. No member may hold any other position in state employment.

4. No member, when appointed or for 3 years immediately prior to the date of appointment, may have been an officer of a committee in any political party, partisan political club or partisan political organization or have held or been a candidate for any partisan elective public office. No member may become a candidate for or hold any such office.

5. At no time may more than 2 members be adherents of the same political party.

6. Each member of the commission shall be a U.S. citizen and shall have been a resident of this state for at least 3 years.

**(2) SELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Each commission may annually elect officers other than a chairperson from among its members as its work requires. Any officer may be reappointed or reelected. At the time of making new nominations to commissions, the governor shall designate a member or nominee of each commission to serve as the commission's chairperson for a 2-year term expiring on March 1 of the odd-numbered year except that:

(a) Commencing March 1, 1979, and thereafter, the labor and industry review commission shall elect one of its members to serve as the commission's chairperson for a 2-year term expiring on March 1 of the odd-numbered year.

**(3) FULL-TIME OFFICES.** (a) A commissioner may not hold any other office or position of profit or pursue any other business or vocation, but shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of his or her office. This paragraph does not apply to:

1. The commissioner of insurance.

3. The members of the Wisconsin waterways commission.

(b) The commissioner of insurance shall not engage in any other occupation, business or activity that is in any way inconsistent with the performance of the duties of the commissioner of insurance, nor shall the commissioner hold any other public office.

**(4) CHAIRPERSON; ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.** The administrative duties of each commission shall be vested in its chairperson, to be administered by the chairperson under the statutes and rules of the commission and subject to the policies established by the commission.

**(4m) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.** Each commission chairperson under s. 230.08 (2) (m) and each commissioner of the public service commission may appoint an executive assistant to serve at his or her

pleasure outside the classified service. The executive assistant shall perform duties as the chairperson or commissioner prescribes.

**(5) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS; PLACE.** Every commission shall meet on the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members. Every commission shall maintain its offices in Madison, but may meet or hold hearings at such other locations as will best serve the citizens of this state.

**(6) QUORUM.** A majority of the membership of a commission constitutes a quorum to do business, except that vacancies shall not prevent a commission from doing business. This subsection does not apply to the parole commission.

**(7) REPORTS.** Every commission attached to a department shall submit to the head of the department, upon request of that person not more often than annually, a report on the operation of the commission.

**(8) OFFICIAL OATH.** Every commissioner shall take and file the official oath prior to assuming office.

**(9) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT APPROVALS.** Positions for which appointment is made under sub.(4m) may be authorized only under s. 16.505.

History: 1971 c. 193,307; 1977 c. 29, 196,274; 1981 c. 347; 1983 a. 27,371,410, 538; 1985 a.29; 1987 a. 27,403; 1989 a.31; 1991 a. 39,269,316; 1993 a. 16, 123; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27; 2001 a. 16.

A single member of the personnel commission is empowered to act as the commission when 2 of the 3 commission positions are vacant. 68 Atty. Gen. 323.

A commissioner designated as chairperson of the commission under sub.(2) is not appointed to a new position, and Art. IV, s. 26, precludes a salary increase based on that designation. 76 Atty. Gen. 52.

Sub.(3) (a) prohibits a commissioner from pursuing business interests that would prevent properly fulfilling the duties of the office. 77 Atty. Gen. 36.

**15.07 Boards. (1) SELECTION OF MEMBERS.** (a) If a department or independent agency is under the direction and supervision of a board, the members of the board, other than the members serving on the board because of holding another office or position, shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve for terms prescribed by law, except:

1. Members of the higher educational aids board shall be appointed by the governor without senate confirmation.

2. Members of the elections board shall be appointed as provided in s. 15.61.

3. Members of the employee trust funds board appointed or elected under s. 15.16 (1) (a), (b), (d) and (f) shall be appointed or elected as provided in that section.

4. Members of the investment board appointed under s. 15.76 (3) shall be appointed as provided in that section.

5. The members of the educational communications board appointed under s. 15.57 (5) and (7) shall be appointed as provided in that section.

6. Members of the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Board appointed under s. 15.96 (8) shall be appointed by the governor without senate confirmation.

(b) For each board not covered under par.(a), the governor shall appoint the members of the board, other than the members serving on the board because of holding another office or position and except as otherwise provided, for terms prescribed by law except that all members of the following boards, or all members of the following boards specified in this paragraph, other than the members serving on a board because of holding another office or position, shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for terms provided by law:

1. Banking review board.
2. College savings program board.
3. Credit union review board.
5. Savings and loan review board.
8. Real estate board.
9. Board on aging and long-term care.
10. Land and water conservation board.
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Note: Subd. 16. is repealed eff. 9-1-03 by 1997 Wis. Act 27.

17. Real estate appraisers board.

18. Savings bank review board.

19m. Auctioneer board.

20. The 3 members of the Kickapoo reserve management board appointed under s. 15.445 (2) (b) 3.

22. Private employer health care coverage board.

Note: Subd. 22. is repealed eff. 1-1-10 by 1999 Wis. Act 9.

(c) Except as provided under par.(cm), fixed terms of members of boards shall expire on May 1 and, if the term is for an even number of years, shall expire in an odd-numbered year.

(cm) The term of one member of the ethics board shall expire on each May 1. The terms of 3 members of the development finance board appointed under s. 15.155 (1) (a) 6. shall expire on May 1 of every even-numbered year and the terms of the other 3 members appointed under s. 15.155 (1) (a) 6. shall expire on May 1 of every odd-numbered year. The terms of the 3 members of the land and water conservation board appointed under s. 15.135 (4) (b) 2. shall expire on January 1. The term of the member of the land and water conservation board appointed under s. 15.135 (4) (b) 2m. shall expire on May 1 of an even-numbered year. The terms of members of the real estate board shall expire on July 1. The terms of the appraiser members of the real estate appraisers board and the terms of the auctioneer and auction company representative members of the auctioneer board shall expire on May 1 in an even-numbered year.

(cs) No member of the auctioneer board, real estate appraisers board or real estate board may be an officer, director or employee of a private organization that promotes or furthers any profession or occupation regulated by that board.

**(2) SELECTION OF OFFICERS.** At its first meeting in each year, every board shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary each of whom may be reelected for successive terms, except that:

(a) The chairperson and vice chairperson of the investment board shall be designated biennially by the governor.

(b) The chairperson of the board on health care information shall be designated biennially by the governor.

(d) The officers elected by the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the technical college system board shall be known as a president, vice president and secretary.

(e) The representative of the department of justice shall serve as chairperson of the claims board and the representative of the department of administration shall serve as its secretary.

(f) The state superintendent of public instruction or his or her designated representative shall serve as chairperson of the school district boundary appeal board.

(g) A representative of the department of justice designated by the attorney general shall serve as nonvoting secretary to the law enforcement standards board.

(h) The chairperson of the state fair park board shall be designated annually by the governor from among the members appointed under s. 15.445 (4) (a) 3., 4. and 5.

(j) At its first meeting in each even-numbered year, the state capitol and executive residence board shall elect officers for 2-year terms.

(k) The governor shall serve as chairperson of the governor's work-based learning board.

(L) The governor shall serve as chairperson of the information technology management board and the chief information officer shall serve as secretary of that board.

**(3) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.** (a) If a department or independent agency is under the direction and supervision of a board, the board shall meet quarterly and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members. If a department or independent agency is under the direction and supervision of a board, the board shall, in addition, meet no later than August 31 of each even-numbered year to consider and approve a proposed budget of the department or independent agency for the succeeding fiscal biennium.

(b) Except as provided in par.(bm), each board not covered under par.(a) shall meet annually, and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members. The auctioneer board, the real estate board and the real estate appraisers board shall also meet on the call of the secretary of regulation and licensing or his or her designee within the department.

(bm) 1. The board on health care information shall meet 4 times each year and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or a majority of the board's members.

2. The environmental education board shall meet 4 times each year and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson.

3. The auctioneer board shall meet at least 4 times each year.

4. The information technology management board shall meet at least 4 times each year and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson.

**(4) QUORUM.** A majority of the membership of a board constitutes a quorum to do business and, unless a more restrictive provision is adopted by the board, a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the jurisdiction of the board. This subsection does not apply to actions of the ethics board or the school district boundary appeal board as provided in ss. 19.47 (4) and 117.05 (2) (a).

**(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES; COMPENSATION.** Except as provided in sub.(5m), the members of each board shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, such reimbursement in the case of an officer or employee of this state who represents an agency as a member of a board to be paid by the agency which pays the member's salary. The members shall receive no compensation for their services, except that the following members of boards, except full-time state officers or employees, also shall be paid the per diem stated below for each day on which they were actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of their duties:

(a) Members of the investment board, \$50 per day.

(b) Members of the banking review board, \$25 per day but not to exceed \$1,500 per year.

(c) Members of the auctioneer board, \$25 per day.

(d) Members of the board of agriculture, trade and consumer protection, not exceeding \$35 per day as fixed by the board with the approval of the governor, but not to exceed \$1,000 per year.

(e) In lieu of a per diem, the members of the technical college system board shall receive \$100 annually.

(f) Members of the teachers retirement board, appointive members of the Wisconsin retirement board, appointive members of the group insurance board, members of the deferred compensation board and members of the employee trust funds board, \$25 per day.

(g) Members of the savings and loan review board, \$10 per day.

(gm) Members of the savings bank review board, \$10 per day.

(h) Voting members of the land and water conservation board, \$25 per day.

(i) Members of the educational approval board, \$25 per day.

(j) Members of the state fair park board, \$10 per day but not to exceed \$600 per year.

(k) Members of the ethics board, \$25 per day.

(L) Members of the school district boundary appeal board, \$25 per day.

(n) Members of the elections board, \$25 per day.

(o) Members of the burial sites preservation board, \$25 per day.

(r) Members of the real estate board, \$25 per day.

(s) Members of the credit union review board, \$25 per day but not to exceed \$1,500 per year.

(t) Members of the waste facility siting board who are town or county officials, \$35 per day.

(w) Members of the lower Wisconsin state riverway board, \$25 per day.

(x) Members of the real estate appraisers board, \$25 per day.

(y) Members of the Kickapoo reserve management board, \$25 per day.

**(5m) LIMITATIONS ON SALARY AND EXPENSES. (b) Lower Wisconsin state riverway board.** The members, except for the chairperson, of the lower Wisconsin state riverway board shall be reimbursed under sub.(5) for only their necessary and actual travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, or shall be paid \$25 plus mileage incurred in the performance of their duties, whichever is greater. The chairperson of the lower Wisconsin state riverway board shall be reimbursed for all his or her actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties. The lower Wisconsin state riverway board shall determine which expenses of the chairperson are actual and necessary before reimbursement.

**(6) REPORTS.** Every board created in or attached to a department or independent agency shall submit to the head of the department or

independent agency, upon request of that person not more often than annually, a report on the operation of the board.

**(7) OFFICIAL OATH.** Each member of a board shall take and file the official oath prior to assuming office.

**History:** 1971 c. 100 s. 23; 1971 c. 125, 361, 370, 371; 1971 c. 60, 154, 160, 112; 1975 c. 39, 41, 422; 1977 c. 36, 34, 36, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

"Membership" as used in sub.(4) means the authorized number of positions and not the number of positions that are currently occupied. 66 Att'y. Gen. 192.

**15.08 Examining boards and councils. (1) SELECTION OF MEMBERS.** All members of examining boards shall be residents of this state and shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed. Appointments shall be for the terms provided by law. Terms shall expire on July 1. No member may serve more than 2 consecutive terms. No member of an examining board may be an officer, director or employee of a private organization which promotes or furthers the profession or occupation regulated by that board.

**(Im) PUBLIC MEMBERS.** (a) Public members appointed under s. 15.405 or 15.407 shall have all the powers and duties of other members except they shall not prepare questions for or grade any licensing examinations.

(am) Public members appointed under s. 15.405 or 15.407 shall not be, nor ever have been, licensed, certified, registered or engaged in any profession or occupation licensed or otherwise regulated by the board, examining board or examining council to which they are appointed, shall not be married to any person so licensed, certified, registered or engaged, and shall not employ, be employed by or be professionally associated with any person so licensed, certified, registered or engaged.

(b) The public members of the chiropractic examining board, the dentistry examining board, the hearing and speech examining board, the medical examining board, perfusionists examining council, respiratory care practitioners examining council and council on physician assistants, the board of nursing, the nursing home administrator examining board, the veterinary examining board, the optometry examining board, the pharmacy examining board, the marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board, and the psychology examining board shall not be engaged in any profession or occupation concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

(c) The membership of each examining board and examining council created in the department of regulation and licensing after June 1, 1975, shall be increased by one member who shall be a public member appointed to serve for the same term served by the other members of such examining board or examining council, unless the act relating to the creation of such examining board or examining council provides that 2 or more public members shall be appointed to such examining board or examining council.

**(2) SELECTION OF OFFICERS.** At its first meeting in each year, every examining board shall elect from among its members a chairperson, vice chairperson and, unless otherwise provided by law, a secretary. Any officer may be reelected to succeed himself or herself.

**(3) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.** (a) Every examining board shall meet annually and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or of a majority of its members.

(b) The medical examining board shall meet at least 12 times annually.

(c) The hearing and speech examining board shall meet at least once every 3 months.

**(4) QUORUM.** (a) A majority of the membership of an examining board constitutes a quorum to do business, and a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the jurisdiction of the examining board.

(b) Notwithstanding par.(a), no certificate or license which entitles the person certified or licensed to practice a trade or profession shall be suspended or revoked without the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership of the examining board.



**(5) GENERAL POWERS.** Each examining board: (a) May compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony and receive proof concerning all matters within its jurisdiction.

(b) Shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

(c) May limit, suspend or revoke, or reprimand the holder of, any license, permit or certificate granted by the examining board.

**(6) IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROFESSION.** In addition to any other duties vested in it by law, each examining board shall foster the standards of education or training pertaining to its own trade or profession, not only in relation of the trade or profession to the interest of the individual or to organized business enterprise, but also in relation to government and to the general welfare. Each examining board shall endeavor, both within and outside its own trade or profession, to bring about a better understanding of the relationship of the particular trade or profession to the general welfare of this state.

**(7) COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.** Each member of an examining board shall, unless the member is a full-time salaried employee of this state, be paid a per diem of \$25 for each day on which the member was actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of examining board duties. Each member of an examining board shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of examining board duties.

**(8) OFFICIAL OATH.** Every member of an examining board shall take and file the official oath prior to assuming office.

**(9) ANNUAL REPORTS.** Every examining board shall submit to the head of the department in which it is created, upon request of that person not more often than annually, a report on the operation of the examining board.

**(10) SEAL.** Every examining board may adopt a seal.

History: 1971 c. 40; 1975 c. 86, 199; 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 32; 1979 c. 34 ss. 32e to 32s, 2102 (45) (a); 1979 c. 221; 1981 c. 94; 1983 a. 403,524; 1985 a. 332,340; 1987 a. 399; 1989 a. 229,316, 359; 1991 a. 39, 160, 316; 1993 a. 105, 107, 184, 490; 1995 a. 245; 1997 a. 175; 1999 a. 180; 2001 a. 80, 89, 105.

Selection and terms of officers of regulatory and licensing boards are discussed. 75 *Atty. Gen.* 247 (1986).

**15.085 Affiliated credentialing boards. (1) SELECTION OF MEMBERS.** All members of affiliated credentialing boards shall be residents of this state and shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed. Appointments shall be for the terms provided by law. Terms shall expire on July 1. No member may serve more than 2 consecutive terms. No member of an affiliated credentialing board may be an officer, director or employee of a private organization which promotes or furthers the profession or occupation regulated by that board.

**(1m) PUBLIC MEMBERS.** (a) Public members appointed under s. 15.406 shall have all of the powers and duties of other members except that they shall not prepare questions for or grade any licensing examinations.

(am) Public members appointed under s. 15.406 shall not be, nor ever have been, licensed, certified, registered or engaged in any profession or occupation licensed or otherwise regulated by the affiliated credentialing board to which they are appointed, shall not be married to any person so licensed, certified, registered or engaged, and shall not employ, be employed by or be professionally associated with any person so licensed, certified, registered or engaged.

(b) The public members of the physical therapists affiliated credentialing board, podiatrists affiliated credentialing board or occupational therapists affiliated credentialing board shall not be engaged in any profession or occupation concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

**(2) SELECTION OF OFFICERS.** At its first meeting in each year, every affiliated credentialing board shall elect from among its members a chairperson, vice chairperson and, unless otherwise provided by law, a secretary. Any officer may be reelected to succeed himself or herself.

**(3) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.** (a) Every affiliated credentialing board shall meet annually and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or of a majority of its members.

(b) The chairperson of an affiliated credentialing board shall meet at least once every 6 months with the examining board to which the

affiliated credentialing board is attached to consider all matters of joint interest.

**(4) QUORUM.** (a) A majority of the membership of an affiliated credentialing board constitutes a quorum to do business, and a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the jurisdiction of the affiliated credentialing board.

(b) Notwithstanding par.(a), no certificate or license which entitles the person certified or licensed to practice a trade or profession shall be suspended or revoked without the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the affiliated credentialing board.

**(5) GENERAL POWERS.** Each affiliated credentialing board:

(a) May compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony and receive proof concerning all matters within its jurisdiction.

(b) Shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession. In addition to any other procedure under ch. 227 relating to the promulgation of rules, when promulgating a rule, other than an emergency rule under s. 227.24, an affiliated credentialing board shall do all of the following:

1. Submit the proposed rule to the examining board to which the affiliated credentialing board is attached. The proposed rule shall be submitted under this subdivision at least 60 days before the proposed rule is submitted to the legislative council staff under s. 227.15 (1).

2. Consider any comments on a proposed rule made by the examining board to which the affiliated credentialing board is attached, if the examining board submits the comments to the affiliated credentialing board within 30 days after a public hearing on the proposed rule under s. 227.18 or, if no hearing is held, within 30 days after the proposed rule is published under s. 227.16 (2) (e).

3. Include, in the report submitted to the legislature under s. 227.19 (2), any comments on the proposed rule submitted by the examining board under subd. 2. and the affiliated credentialing board's responses to those comments.

(c) May limit, suspend or revoke, or reprimand the holder of, any license, permit or certificate granted by the affiliated credentialing board.

**(6) IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROFESSION.** In addition to any other duties vested in it by law, each affiliated credentialing board shall foster the standards of education or training pertaining to its own trade or profession, not only in relation of the trade or profession to the interest of the individual or to organized business enterprise, but also in relation to government and to the general welfare. Each affiliated credentialing board shall endeavor, both within and outside its own trade or profession, to bring about a better understanding of the relationship of the particular trade or profession to the general welfare of this state.

**(7) COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.** Each member of an affiliated credentialing board shall, unless the member is a full-time salaried employee of this state, be paid a per diem of \$25 for each day on which the member was actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of affiliated credentialing board duties. Each member of an affiliated credentialing board shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of affiliated credentialing board duties.

**(8) OFFICIAL OATH.** Every member of an affiliated credentialing board shall take and file the official oath prior to assuming office.

**(9) ANNUAL REPORTS.** Every affiliated credentialing board shall submit to the head of the department in which it is created, upon request of that person not more often than annually, a report on the operation of the affiliated credentialing board.

**(10) SEAL.** Every affiliated credentialing board may adopt a seal.

History: 1993 a. 107; 1997 a. 175; 1999 a. 180.

**15.09 Councils. (1) SELECTION OF MEMBERS.** (a) Unless otherwise provided by law, the governor shall appoint the members of councils for terms prescribed by law. Except as provided in par. @, fixed terms shall expire on July 1 and shall, if the term is for an even number of years, expire in an odd-numbered year.

(b) The terms of the members of the council on recycling shall expire as specified under s. 15.347 (17) (c).

**(2) SELECTION OF OFFICERS** Unless otherwise provided by law, at its first meeting in each year every council shall elect a chairperson,

vice chairperson and secretary from among its members. Any officer may be reelected for successive terms. For any council created under the general authority of s. 15.04 (1) (c), the constitutional officer or secretary heading the department or the chief executive officer of the independent agency in which such council is created shall designate an employee of the department or independent agency to serve as secretary of the council and to be a voting member thereof.

**(3) LOCATION AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.** Unless otherwise provided by law, every council shall meet at least annually and shall also meet on the call of the head of the department or independent agency in which it is created, and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members. A council shall meet at such locations as may be determined by it unless the constitutional officer or secretary heading the department or the chief executive officer of the independent agency in which it is created determines a specific meeting place.

**(4) QUORUM.** Except as otherwise expressly provided, a majority of the membership of a council constitutes a quorum to do business, and a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the jurisdiction of the council.

**(5) POWERS AND DUTIES.** Unless otherwise provided by law, a council shall advise the head of the department or independent agency in which it is created and shall function on a continuing basis for the study, and recommendation of solutions and policy alternatives, of the problems arising in a specified functional area of state government.

**(6) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.** Members of a council shall not be compensated for their services, but members of councils created by statute shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, such reimbursement in the case of an elective or appointive officer or employee of this state who represents an agency as a member of a council to be paid by the agency which pays his or her salary.

**(7) REPORTS.** Unless a different provision is made by law for transmittal or publication of a report, every council created in a department or independent agency shall submit to the head of the department or independent agency, upon request of that person not more often than annually, a report on the operation of the council.

**(8) OFFICIAL OATH.** Each member of a council shall take and file the official oath prior to assuming office.

**History:** 1971 c. 211; 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 196s. 131; 1979 c. 34,346; 1983 a. 27,388, 410; 1985 a. 84; 1989 a. 335; 1991 a. 39, 189; 1993 a. 184.

## SUBCHAPTER II DEPARTMENTS

**15.40 Department of regulation and licensing; creation.** There is created a department of regulation and licensing under the direction and supervision of the secretary of regulation and licensing.

**History:** 1971 c. 270 a. 104; 1973 c. 39; 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 196 s. 131; 1977 c. 418 ss. 24 to 27.

**15.405 Same; attached boards and examining boards.**

**(1) ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created an accounting examining board in the department of regulation and licensing. The examining board shall consist of 7 members, appointed for staggered 4-year terms. Five members shall hold certificates as certified public accountants and be eligible for licensure to practice in this state. Two members shall be public members.

**(2) EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.** There is created an examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors in the department of regulation and licensing. Any professional member appointed to the examining board shall be registered to practice architecture, landscape architecture, professional engineering, the design of engineering systems or land surveying under ch. 443. The examining board shall consist of the following members appointed for 4-year terms: 3 architects, 3 landscape architects, 3 professional engineers, 3 designers, 3 land surveyors and 10 public members.

(a) In operation, the examining board shall be divided into an architect section, a landscape architect section, an engineer section, a designer section and a land surveyor section. Each section shall consist of the 3 members of the named profession appointed to the examining board and 2 public members appointed to the section. The

examining board shall elect its own officers, and shall meet at least twice annually.

(b) All matters pertaining to passing upon the qualifications of applicants for and the granting or revocation of registration, and all other matters of interest to either the architect, landscape architect, engineer, designer or land surveyor section shall be acted upon solely by the interested section.

(c) All matters of joint interest shall be considered by joint meetings of all sections of the examining board or of those sections to which the problem is of interest.

**(2m) EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS, HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS.** (a) There is created in the department of regulation and licensing an examining board of professional geologists, hydrologists and soil scientists consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

1. Three members who are professional geologists licensed under ch. 470.

2. Three members who are professional hydrologists licensed under ch. 470.

3. Three members who are professional soil scientists licensed under ch. 470.

4. Three public members.

(b) In operation, the examining board shall be divided into a professional geologist section, a professional hydrologist section and a professional soil scientist section. Each section shall consist of the 3 members of the named profession appointed to the examining board and one public member appointed to the section. The examining board shall elect its own officers, and shall meet at least twice annually.

(c) All matters pertaining to passing upon the qualifications of applicants for and the granting or revocation of licenses, and all other matters of interest to either the professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist section shall be acted upon solely by the interested section.

(d) All matters of joint interest shall be considered by joint meetings of all sections of the examining board or of those sections to which the matter is of interest.

**(3) AUCTIONEER BOARD.** (a) There is created in the department of regulation and licensing an auctioneer board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

1. Four members, each of whom is registered under ch. 480 as an auctioneer, or is an auction company representative, as defined in s. 480.01 (3), of an auction company that is registered under ch. 480 as an auction company.

2. Three public members.

(b) No member of the board may serve more than 2 terms.

**(5) CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a chiropractic examining board in the department of regulation and licensing. The chiropractic examining board shall consist of 6 members, appointed for staggered 4-year terms. Four members shall be graduates from a school of chiropractic and licensed to practice chiropractic in this state. Two members shall be public members. No person may be appointed to the examining board who is in any way connected with or has a financial interest in any chiropractic school.

**(5g) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing a controlled substances board consisting of the attorney general, the secretary of health and family services and the secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection, or their designees; the chairperson of the pharmacy examining board or a designee; and one psychiatrist and one pharmacologist appointed for 3-year terms.

**(6) DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a dentistry examining board in the department of regulation and licensing consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

(a) Six dentists who are licensed under ch. 447.

(b) Three dental hygienists who are licensed under ch. 447. Notwithstanding s. 15.08 (1m) (a), the dental hygienist members may participate in the preparation and grading of licensing examinations for dental hygienists.

(c) Two public members.

**(6m) HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a hearing and speech examining board in the department of regulation and licensing consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

(a) Three hearing instrument specialists licensed under subch. I of ch. 459.

(b) One otolaryngologist.

(c) 1. One audiologist registered under subch. III of ch. 459. This subdivision applies during the period beginning on December 1, 1990, and ending on June 30, 1993.

2. One audiologist licensed under subch. II of ch. 459. This subdivision applies after June 30, 1993.

(d) 1. One speech–language pathologist registered under subch. III of ch. 459. This subdivision applies during the period beginning on December 1, 1990, and ending on June 30, 1993.

2. One speech–language pathologist licensed under subch. II of ch. 459. This subdivision applies after June 30, 1993.

(e) Two public members. One of the public members shall be a hearing aid user.

**(7) MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD.** (a) There is created a medical examining board in the department of regulation and licensing.

(b) The medical examining board shall consist of the following members appointed for staggered 4-year terms:

1. Nine licensed doctors of medicine.

2. One licensed doctor of osteopathy.

3. Three public members.

(c) The chairperson of the patients compensation fund peer review council under s. 655.275 shall serve as a nonvoting member of the medical examining board.

**(7c) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD.** (a) There is created a marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board in the department of regulation and licensing consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

1. Four social worker members who are certified or licensed under ch. 457.

2. Three marriage and family therapist members who are licensed under ch. 457.

3. Three professional counselor members who are licensed under ch. 457.

4. Three public members who represent groups that promote the interests of consumers of services provided by persons who are certified or licensed under ch. 457.

(am) The 4 members appointed under par.(a) 1. shall consist of the following:

1. One member who is certified under ch. 457 as an advanced practice social worker.

2. One member who is certified under ch. 457 as an independent social worker.

3. One member who is licensed under ch. 457 as a clinical social worker.

4. At least one member who is employed as a social worker by a federal, state or local governmental agency.

(b) In operation, the examining board shall be divided into a social worker section, a marriage and family therapist section and a professional counselor section. The social worker section shall consist of the 4 social worker members of the examining board and one of the public members of the examining board. The marriage and family therapist section shall consist of the 3 marriage and family therapist members of the examining board and one of the public members of the examining board. The professional counselor section shall consist of the 3 professional counselor members of the examining board and one of the public members of the examining board.

(c) All matters pertaining to granting, denying, limiting, suspending, or revoking a certificate or license under ch. 457, and all other matters of interest to either the social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor section shall be acted upon solely by the interested section of the examining board.

(d) All matters that the examining board determines are of joint interest shall be considered by joint meetings of all sections of the examining board or of those sections to which the problem is of interest.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 15.08 (4) (a), at a joint meeting of all sections of the examining board, a majority of the examining board constitutes a quorum to do business only if at least 8 members are present at the meeting. At a meeting of a section of the examining board or a joint meeting of 2 or more of the sections of the examining

board, each member who is present has one vote, except as provided in par.(f).

(f) At a joint meeting of the social worker section and one or both of the other sections of the examining board, each member who is present has one vote, except that the social worker members each have three-fourths of a vote if all 4 of those members are present.

**(7g) BOARD OF NURSING.** There is created a board of nursing in the department of regulation and licensing. The board of nursing shall consist of the following members appointed for staggered 4-year terms: 5 currently licensed registered nurses under ch. 441; 2 currently licensed practical nurses under ch. 441; and 2 public members. Each registered nurse member shall have graduated from a program in professional nursing and each practical nurse member shall have graduated from a program in practical nursing accredited by the state in which the program was conducted.

**(7m) NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a nursing home administrator examining board in the department of regulation and licensing consisting of 9 members appointed for staggered 4-year terms and the secretary of health and family services or a designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member. Five members shall be nursing home administrators licensed in this state. One member shall be a physician. One member shall be a nurse licensed under ch. 441. Two members shall be public members. No more than 2 members may be officials or full-time employees of this state.

**(8) OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created an optometry examining board in the department of regulation and licensing. The optometry examining board shall consist of 7 members appointed for staggered 4-year terms. Five of the members shall be licensed optometrists in this state. Two members shall be public members.

**(9) PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a pharmacy examining board in the department of regulation and licensing. The pharmacy examining board shall consist of 7 members appointed for staggered 4-year terms. Five of the members shall be licensed to practice pharmacy in this state. Two members shall be public members.

**(10m) PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing a psychology examining board consisting of 6 members appointed for staggered 4-year terms. Four of the members shall be psychologists licensed in this state. Each of the psychologist members shall represent a different specialty area within the field of psychology. Two members shall be public members.

**(10r) REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD.** (a) There is created a real estate appraisers board in the department of regulation and licensing consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

1. Three appraisers who are certified or licensed under ch. 458.

2. One assessor, as defined in s. 458.09 (1).

3. Three public members.

(b) Of the appraiser members of the board, one shall be certified under s. 458.06 as a general appraiser, one shall be certified under s. 458.06 as a residential appraiser and one shall be licensed under s. 458.08 as an appraiser. No public member of the board may be connected with or have any financial interest in an appraisal business or in any other real estate–related business. Section 15.08 (1m) (am) applies to the public members of the board. No member of the board may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

(c) Notwithstanding s. 15.07 (4), a majority of the board constitutes a quorum to do business only if at least 2 of the members present are appraiser members and at least one of the members present is a public member.

**(11) REAL ESTATE BOARD.** There is created a real estate board in the department of regulation and licensing. The real estate board shall consist of 7 members appointed to staggered 4-year terms. Four of the members shall be real estate brokers or salespersons licensed in this state. Three members shall be public members. Section 15.08 (1m) (am) applies to the public members of the real estate board. No member may serve more than 2 terms. The real estate board does not have rule-making authority.

**(12) VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a veterinary examining board in the department of regulation and licensing. The veterinary examining board shall consist of 8 members appointed for staggered 4-year terms. Five of the members shall be licensed veterinarians in this state. One member shall be a veterinary technician certified in this state. Two members shall be public

members. No member of the examining board may in any way be financially interested in any school having a veterinary department or a course of study in veterinary or animal technology.

**(16) FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a funeral directors examining board in the department of regulation and licensing. The funeral directors examining board shall consist of 6 members appointed for staggered 4-year terms. Four members shall be licensed funeral directors under ch. 445 in this state. Two members shall be public members.

**(17) BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD.** There is created a barbering and cosmetology examining board in the department of regulation and licensing. The barbering and cosmetology examining board shall consist of 9 members appointed for 4-year terms. Four members shall be licensed barbers or cosmetologists, 2 members shall be public members, one member shall be a representative of a private school of barbering or cosmetology, one member shall be a representative of a public school of barbering or cosmetology and one member shall be a licensed electrologist. Except for the 2 members representing schools, no member may be connected with or have any financial interest in a barbering or cosmetology school.

History: 1973 c. 90, 156; 1975 c. 39, 86, 199, 200, 383, 422; 1977 c. 26, 29, 203; 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 34 ss. 45, 47 to 52; 1979 c. 221, 304; 1981 c. 94 ss. 5, 9; 1981 c. 356; 1983 a. 27, 403, 485, 538; 1985 a. 340; 1987 a. 257 s. 2; 1987 a. 264, 265, 316; 1989 a. 316, 340; 1991 a. 39, 78, 160, 189, 269; 1993 a. 16, 102, 463, 465, 491; 1995 a. 27 s. 9126 (19); 1995 a. 225; 1995 a. 305 s. 1; 1995 a. 321, 417; 1997 a. 96, 252, 300; 2001 a. 16, 80.

A medical school instructor serving without compensation is ineligible to serve on the board of medical examiners. 62 Atty. Gen. 193.

An incumbent real estate examining board member is entitled to hold office until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed by the senate. The board was without authority to reimburse the nominee for expenses incurred in attending a meeting during an orientation period prior to confirmation. 63 Atty. Gen. 192.

#### 15.406 Same; attached affiliated credentialing boards.

**(1) PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing, attached to the medical examining board, a physical therapists affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

(a) Three physical therapists who are licensed under subch. III of ch. 448.

(am) One physical therapist assistant licensed under subch. III of ch. 448.

Note: Par. (am) is created eff. 4-1-04 by 2001 Wis. Act 70.

(b) One public member.

**(2) DIETITIANS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing, attached to the medical examining board, a dietitians affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

(a) Three dietitians who are certified under subch. V of ch. 448.

(b) One public member.

**(3) PODIATRISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing, attached to the medical examining board, a podiatrists affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

(a) Three podiatrists who are licensed under subch. IV of ch. 448.

(b) One public member.

**(4) ATHLETIC TRAINERS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing, attached to the medical examining board, an athletic trainers affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

(a) Four athletic trainers who are licensed under subch. VI of ch. 448 and who have not been issued a credential in athletic training by a governmental authority in a jurisdiction outside this state. One of the athletic trainer members may also be licensed under ch. 446 or 447 or subch. II, III or IV of ch. 448.

(b) One member who is licensed to practice medicine and surgery under subch. II of ch. 448 and who has experience with athletic training and sports medicine.

(c) One public member.

**(5) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing, attached to the medical examining board, an occupational therapists affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

(a) Three occupational therapists who are licensed under subch. VII of ch. 448.

(b) Two occupational therapy assistants who are licensed under subch. VI of ch. 448.

(c) Two public members.

History: 1993 a. 107, 443; 1997 a. 75, 175; 1999 a. 9, 180; 2001 a. 70.

**15.407 Same; councils. (1m) RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS EXAMINING COUNCIL.** There is created a respiratory care practitioners examining council in the department of regulation and licensing and serving the medical examining board in an advisory capacity in the formulating of rules to be promulgated by the medical examining board for the regulation of respiratory care practitioners. The respiratory care practitioners examining council shall consist of 3 certified respiratory care practitioners, each of whom shall have engaged in the practice of respiratory care for at least 3 years preceding appointment, one physician and one public member. The respiratory care practitioner and physician members shall be appointed by the medical examining board. The members of the examining council shall serve 3-year terms. Section 15.08 (1) to (4) (a) and (6) to (10) shall apply to the respiratory care practitioners examining council.

**(2) COUNCIL ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.** There is created a council on physician assistants in the department of regulation and licensing and serving the medical examining board in an advisory capacity. The council's membership shall consist of:

(a) The vice chancellor for health sciences of the University of Wisconsin-Madison or the vice chancellor's designee.

(b) One public member appointed by the governor for a 2-year term.

(c) Three physician assistants selected by the medical examining board for staggered 2-year terms.

**(2m) PERFUSIONISTS EXAMINING COUNCIL.** There is created a perfusionists examining council in the department of regulation and licensing and serving the medical examining board in an advisory capacity. The council shall consist of the following members appointed for 3-year terms:

(a) Three licensed perfusionists appointed by the medical examining board.

(b) One physician who is a cardiothoracic surgeon or a cardiovascular anesthesiologist and who is appointed by the medical examining board.

(c) One public member appointed by the governor.

**(3) EXAMINING COUNCILS; BOARD OF NURSING.** The following examining councils are created in the department of regulation and licensing to serve the board of nursing in an advisory capacity. Section 15.08 (1) to (4) (a) and (6) to (10), applies to the examining councils.

**(a) Registered nurses.** There is created an examining council on registered nurses to consist of 4 registered nurses of not less than 3 years' experience in nursing, appointed by the board of nursing for staggered 4-year terms.

**(b) Practical nurses.** There is created an examining council on licensed practical nurses to consist of one registered nurse, 3 licensed practical nurses and one registered nurse who is a faculty member of an accredited school for practical nurses, appointed by the board of nursing for staggered 3-year terms. No member may be a member of the examining council on registered nurses.

**(4) COUNCIL ON SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.** There is created a council on speech-language pathology and audiology in the department of regulation and licensing and serving the hearing and speech examining board in an advisory capacity. The council shall consist of the following members appointed for 3-year terms:

(a) Three speech-language pathologists licensed under subch. II of ch. 459.

(b) Two audiologists licensed under subch. II of ch. 459.

**(5) COUNCIL ON REAL ESTATE CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATIONS.** There is created in the department of regulation and licensing a council on real estate curriculum and examinations consisting of 7 members appointed for 4-year terms. Five members shall be real estate brokers or salespersons licensed under ch. 452 and 2 members shall be public members. Of the real estate broker or salesperson members, one member shall be a member of the real estate board appointed by the real estate board, at least 2 members shall be

licensed real estate brokers with at least **5** years of experience as real estate brokers, and at least one member shall be a licensed real estate salesperson with at least 2 years of experience as a real estate salesperson. Of the 2 public members, at least one member shall have at least 2 years of experience in planning or presenting real estate educational programs. No member of the council may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

**(6) PHARMACIST ADVISORY COUNCIL.** There is created a pharmacist advisory council in the department of regulation and licensing and serving the pharmacy examining board in an advisory capacity. The council shall consist of the following members appointed for 3-year terms:

(a) Two pharmacists licensed under ch. 450 appointed by the chairperson of the pharmacy examining board.

(b) One physician licensed under subch. II of ch. 448 appointed by the chairperson of the medical examining board.

(c) One nurse licensed under ch. 441 appointed by the chairperson of the board of nursing.

**(7) MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK COUNCIL.** (a) There is created a massage therapy and bodywork council in the department of

regulation and licensing, serving the department in an advisory capacity. The council shall consist of **7** members, appointed for 4-year terms, who are massage therapists or bodyworkers certified under ch. 460 and who have engaged in the practice of massage therapy or bodywork for at least 2 years preceding appointment.

(b) In appointing members under par.(a), the governor shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the membership of the council is diverse, based on all of the following factors:

1. Massage or bodywork therapies practiced in this state.

2. Affiliation and nonaffiliation with a professional association for the practice of massage therapy or bodywork.

3. Professional associations with which massage therapists or bodyworkers in this state are affiliated.

4. Practice in urban and rural areas in this state.

**Note: Sub. (7) is created eff. 3-1-03 by 2001 Wis. Act 74.**

**History:** 1973 c. 149; 1975 c. 39, 86, 199, 383, 422; 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 34 ss. 46, 53; 1981 c. 390 s. 252; 1985 a. 332 s. 251 (1); 1987 a. 399; 1989 a. 229, 316, 341, 359; 1991 a. 316; 1993 a. 105, 107; 1997 a. 68, 175; 1997 a. 237 s. 727m; 1999 a. 32, 180, 186; 2001 a. 74, 89.

## CHAPTER 440 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

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### SUBCHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

**440.01 Definitions. (1)** In chs. 440 to 480, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

(am) "Financial institution" has the meaning given in s. 705.01 (3).

(b) "Grant" means the substantive act of an examining board, section of an examining board, affiliated credentialing board or the department of approving the applicant for credentialing and the preparing, executing, signing or sealing of the credentialing.

(c) "Issue" means the procedural act of the department of transmitting the credential to the person who is credentialed.

(d) "Limit", when used in reference to limiting a credential, means to impose conditions and requirements upon the holder of the credential, and to restrict the scope of the holder's practice.

(dm) "Renewal date" means the date on which a credential expires and before which it must be renewed for the holder to maintain without interruption the rights, privileges and authority conferred by the credential.

(e) "Reprimand" means to publicly warn the holder of a credential.

(f) "Revoke", when used in reference to revoking a credential, means to completely and absolutely terminate the credential and all rights, privileges and authority previously conferred by the credential.

(g) "Secretary" means the secretary of regulation and licensing.

(h) "Suspend", when used in reference to suspending a credential, means to completely and absolutely withdraw and withhold for a period of time all rights, privileges and authority previously conferred by the credential.

**(2)** In this subchapter: (a) "Credential" means a license, permit, or certificate of certification or registration that is issued under chs. 440 to 480.

(b) "Credentialing" means the acts of an examining board, section of an examining board, affiliated credentialing board or the department that relate to granting, issuing, denying, limiting, suspending or revoking a credential.

(bm) "Credentialing board" means an examining board or an affiliated credentialing board in the department.

(c) "Examining board" includes the board of nursing.

(cs) "Minority group member" has the meaning given in s. 560.036 (1) (ff).

(cv) "Psychotherapy" has the meaning given in s. 457.01 (8m).

(d) "Reciprocal credential" means a credential granted by an examining board, section of an examining board, affiliated credentialing board or the department to an applicant who holds a credential issued by a governmental authority in a jurisdiction outside this state authorizing or qualifying the applicant to perform acts that are substantially the same as those acts authorized by the credential granted by the examining board, section of the examining board, affiliated credentialing board or department.

History: 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 34; 1979 c. 175 s. 53; 1979 c. 221 s. 2202 (45); 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 102, 107; 1995 a. 233, 333; 1997 a. 35 s. 448; 1997 a. 237 ss 532, 539m; 1999 a. 9 s. 2915; 2001 a. 80.

Procedural due process and the separation of functions in state occupational licensing agencies. 1974 WLR 833.

**440.02 Bonds.** Members of the staff of the department who are assigned by the secretary to collect moneys shall be bonded in an amount equal to the total receipts of the department for any month.

#### **440.03 General duties and powers of the department.**

**(1)** The department may promulgate rules defining uniform procedures to be used by the department, the real estate board, the real estate appraisers board, and all examining boards and affiliated credentialing boards attached to the department or an examining board, for receiving, filing and investigating complaints, for commencing disciplinary proceedings and for conducting hearings.

**(1m)** The department may promulgate rules specifying the number of business days within which the department or any examining board or affiliated credentialing board in the department must review and make a determination on an application for a permit, as defined in s. 560.41 (2), that is issued under chs. 440 to 480.

**(2)** The department may provide examination development services, consultation and technical assistance to other state agencies, federal agencies, counties, cities, villages, towns, national or regional organizations of state credentialing agencies, similar credentialing agencies in other states, national or regional accrediting associations, and nonprofit organizations. The department may charge a fee sufficient to reimburse the department for the costs of providing such services. In this subsection, "nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit corporation as defined in s. 181.0103 (17), and an organization exempt from tax under 26 USC 501.

**(3)** If the secretary reorganizes the department, no modification may be made in the powers and responsibilities of the examining boards or affiliated credentialing boards attached to the department or an examining board under s. 15.405 or 15.406.

**(3m)** The department may investigate complaints made against a person who has been issued a credential under chs. 440 to 480.

**(3q)** Notwithstanding sub.(3m), the department of regulation and licensing shall investigate any report that it receives under s. 146.40 (4r) (am) 2. or (em).

**(4)** The department may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents or other materials prior to the commencement of disciplinary proceedings.

**(5)** The department may investigate allegations of negligence by physicians licensed to practice medicine and surgery under ch. 448.

**(5m)** The department shall maintain a toll-free telephone number to receive reports of allegations of unprofessional conduct, negligence or misconduct involving a physician licensed under subch. II of ch. 448. The department shall publicize the toll-free telephone number and the investigative powers and duties of the department and the medical examining board as widely as possible

in the state, including in hospitals, clinics, medical offices and other health care facilities.

(6) The department shall have access to any information contained in the reports filed with the medical examining board, an affiliated credentialing board attached to the medical examining board and the board of nursing under s. 655.045, as created by 1985 Wisconsin Act 29, and s. 655.26.

(7) The department shall establish the style, content and format of all credentials and of all forms for applying for any credential issued or renewed under chs. 440 to 480. All forms shall include a place for the information required under sub.(11m) (a). Upon request of any person who holds a credential and payment of a \$10 fee, the department may issue a wall certificate signed by the governor.

(7m) The department may promulgate rules that establish procedures for submitting an application for a credential or credential renewal by electronic transmission. Any rules promulgated under this subsection shall specify procedures for complying with any requirement that a fee be submitted with the application. The rules may also waive any requirement in chs. 440 to 480 that an application submitted to the department, an examining board or an affiliated credentialing board be executed, verified, signed, sworn or made under oath, notwithstanding ss. 440.26 (2) (b), 440.42 (2) (intro.), 440.91 (2) (intro.), 443.06 (1) (a), 443.10 (2) (a), 445.04 (2), 445.08 (4), 445.095 (1) (a), 448.05 (7), 450.09 (1) (a), 452.10 (1) and 480.08 (2m).

(8) The department may promulgate rules requiring holders of certain credentials to do any of the following:

(a) Display the credential in a conspicuous place in the holder's office or place of practice or business, if the holder is not required by statute to do so.

(b) Post a notice in a conspicuous place in the holder's office or place of practice or business describing the procedures for filing a complaint against the holder.

(9) The department shall include all of the following with each biennial budget request that it makes under s. 16.42:

(a) A recalculation of the administrative and enforcement costs of the department that are attributable to the regulation of each occupation or business under chs. 440 to 480 and that are included in the budget request.

(b) A recommended change to each fee specified under s. 440.05 (1) for an initial credential for which an examination is not required, under s. 440.05 (2) for a reciprocal credential and under s. 440.08 (2) (a) for a credential renewal if the change is necessary to reflect the approximate administrative and enforcement costs of the department that are attributable to the regulation of the particular occupation or business during the period in which the initial or reciprocal credential or credential renewal is in effect and, for purposes of the recommended change to each fee specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) for a credential renewal, to reflect an estimate of any additional moneys available for the department's general program operations, during the budget period to which the biennial budget request applies, as a result of appropriation transfers that have been or are estimated to be made under s. 20.165 (1) (i) prior to and during that budget period.

(11) The department shall cooperate with the department of health and family services to develop a program to use voluntary, uncompensated services of licensed or certified professionals to assist the department of health and family services in the evaluation of community mental health programs in exchange for continuing education credits for the professionals under ss. 448.40 (2) (e) and 455.065 (5).

(11m) (a) Each application form for a credential issued or renewed under chs. 440 to 480 shall provide a space for the department to require each of the following, other than an individual who does not have a social security number and who submits a statement made or subscribed under oath or affirmation as required under par.(am), to provide his or her social security number:

1. An applicant for an initial credential or credential renewal. If the applicant is not an individual, the department shall require the applicant to provide its federal employer identification number.

2. An applicant for reinstatement of an inactive license under s. 452.12 (6) (e).

(am) If an applicant specified in par.(a) 1. or 2. is an individual who does not have a social security number, the applicant shall

submit a statement made or subscribed under oath that the applicant does not have a social security number. The form of the statement shall be prescribed by the department of workforce development. A credential or license issued in reliance upon a false statement submitted under this paragraph is invalid.

(b) The department shall deny an application for an initial credential or deny an application for credential renewal or for reinstatement of an inactive license under s. 452.12 (6) (e) if any information required under par.(a) is not included in the application form or, in the case of an applicant who is an individual and who does not have a social security number, if the statement required under par.(am) is not included with the application form.

(c) The department of regulation and licensing may not disclose a social security number obtained under par.(a) to any person except the coordinated licensure information system under s. 441.50 (7); the department of workforce development for purposes of administering s. 49.22; and, for a social security number obtained under par.(a) 1., the department of revenue for the sole purpose of requesting certifications under s. 73.0301.

(12m) The department of regulation and licensing shall cooperate with the departments of justice and health and family services in developing and maintaining a computer linkup to provide access to information regarding the current status of a credential issued to any person by the department of regulation and licensing, including whether that credential has been restricted in any way.

(13) The department may conduct an investigation to determine whether an applicant for a credential issued under chs. 440 to 480 satisfies any of the eligibility requirements specified for the credential, including whether the applicant does not have an arrest or conviction record. In conducting an investigation under this subsection, the department may require an applicant to provide any information that is necessary for the investigation or, for the purpose of obtaining information related to an arrest or conviction record of an applicant, to complete forms provided by the department of justice or the federal bureau of investigation. The department shall charge the applicant any fees, costs or other expenses incurred in conducting the investigation under this subsection.

(14) (a) 1. The department shall grant a certificate of registration as a music therapist to a person if all of the following apply:

a. The person is certified, registered or accredited as a music therapist by the Certification Board for Music Therapists, National Music Therapy Registry, American Music Therapy Association or by another national organization that certifies, registers or accredits music therapists.

b. The organization that certified, registered or accredited the person under subd. 1. a. is approved by the department.

c. The person pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1) and files with the department evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she is certified, registered or accredited as required under subd.1. a.

2. The department shall grant a certificate of registration as an art therapist to a person if all of the following apply:

a. The person is certified, registered or accredited as an art therapist by the Art Therapy Credentials Board or by another national organization that certifies, registers or accredits art therapists.

b. The organization that certified, registered or accredited the person under subd.2. a. is approved by the department.

c. The person pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1) and files with the department evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she is certified, registered or accredited as required under subd.2. a.

3. The department shall grant a certificate of registration as a dance therapist to a person if all of the following apply:

a. The person is certified, registered or accredited as a dance therapist by the American Dance Therapy Association or by another national organization that certifies, registers or accredits dance therapists.

b. The organization that certified, registered or accredited the person under subd.3. a. is approved by the department.

c. The person pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1) and files with the department evidence satisfactory to the department that

he or she is certified, registered or accredited as required under subd.3. a.

(am) The department may promulgate rules that establish requirements for granting a license to practice psychotherapy to a person who is registered under par.(a). Rules promulgated under this paragraph shall establish requirements for obtaining such a license that are comparable to the requirements for obtaining a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor license under ch. 457. If the department promulgates rules under this paragraph, the department shall grant a license under this paragraph to a person registered under par.(a) who pays the fee specified in s. 440.05(1) and provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she satisfies the requirements established in the rules.

(b) A person who is registered under par.(a) shall notify the department in writing within 30 days if an organization specified in par.(a) 1. a., 2. a. or 3. a. revokes the person's certification, registration, or accreditation specified in par.(a) 1. a., 2. a., or 3. a. The department shall revoke a certificate of registration granted under par.(a) if such an organization revokes such a certification, registration, or accreditation. If the department revokes the certificate of registration of a person who also holds a license granted under the rules promulgated under par.(am), the department shall also revoke the license.

(c) The renewal dates for certificates granted under par.(a) and licenses granted under par.(am) are specified in s. 440.08(2)(a). Renewal applications shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the department and shall include the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08(2)(a) and evidence satisfactory to the department that the person's certification, registration, or accreditation specified in par.(a) 1. a., 2. a. or 3. a. has not been revoked.

(d) The department shall promulgate rules that specify the services within the scope of practice of music, art, or dance therapy that a person who is registered under par.(a) is qualified to perform. The rules may not allow a person registered under par.(a) to perform psychotherapy unless the person is granted a license under the rules promulgated under par.(am).

**Cross reference:** See also chs. RL 140, 141, and 142, Wis. adm code.

(e) Subject to the rules promulgated under sub.(1), the department may make investigations and conduct hearings to determine whether a violation of this subsection or any rule promulgated under par.(d) has occurred and may reprimand a person who is registered under par.(a) or holds a license granted under the rules promulgated under par.(am) or may deny, limit, suspend, or revoke a certificate of registration granted under par.(a) or a license granted under the rules promulgated under par.(am) if the department finds that the applicant or certificate or license holder has violated this subsection or any rule promulgated under par.(d).

(f) A person who is registered under par.(a) or holds a license granted under the rules promulgated under par.(am) who violates this subsection or any rule promulgated under par.(d) may be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

(15) The department shall promulgate rules that establish the fees specified in ss. 440.05(10) and 440.08(2)(d).

(16) Annually, the department shall distribute the form developed by the medical and optometry examining boards under 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, section 9143(3c), to all school districts and charter schools that offer kindergarten. to be used by pupils to provide evidence of eye examinations under s. 118.135.

**History:** 1977 c. 418 ss. 24, 792; 1979 c. 34, 221, 337; 1981 c. 94; 1985 a. 29, 340; 1989 a. 31, 340; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 102, 107, 443, 445, 490, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 64, 72, 64, 72, 9126(19); 1995 a. 233; 1997 a. 27, 75, 79; 1997 a. 191 ss. 312, 313, 318; 1997 a. 231, 237; 1997 a. 261 ss. 1 to 4, 7, 10, 13; 1997 a. 311; 1999 a. 9, 32; 2001 a. 16, 66, 80.

**Cross reference:** See also RL, Wis. adm code.

**440.035 General duties of examining boards and affiliated credentialing boards.** Each examining board or affiliated credentialing board attached to the department or an examining board shall:

(1) Independently exercise its powers, duties and functions prescribed by law with regard to rule-making, credentialing and regulation.

(2) Be the supervising authority of all personnel, other than shared personnel, engaged in the review, investigation or handling

of information regarding qualifications of applicants for credentials, examination questions and answers, accreditation, related investigations and disciplinary matters affecting persons who are credentialed by the examining board or affiliated credentialing board, or in the establishing of regulatory policy or the exercise of administrative discretion with regard to the qualifications or discipline of applicants or persons who are credentialed by the examining board, affiliated credentialing board or accreditation.

(3) Maintain, in conjunction with their operations, in central locations designated by the department, all records pertaining to the functions independently retained by them.

(4) Compile and keep current a register of the names and addresses of all persons who are credentialed to be retained by the department and which shall be available for public inspection during the times specified in s. 230.35(4)(a). The department may also make the register available to the public by electronic transmission.

**History:** 1977 c. 418 ss. 25, 793, 929 (41); 1979 c. 32 s. 92(1); 1979 c. 34; 1989 a. 56 s. 259; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 107; 1997 a. 27, 191, 237.

**440.04 Duties of the secretary.** The secretary shall: (1) Centralize, at the capital and in such district offices as the operations of the department and the attached examining boards and affiliated credentialing boards require, the routine housekeeping functions required by the department, the examining boards and the affiliated credentialing boards.

(2) Provide the bookkeeping, payroll, accounting and personnel advisory services required by the department and the legal services, except for representation in court proceedings and the preparation of formal legal opinions, required by the attached examining boards and affiliated credentialing boards.

(5) With the advice of the examining boards or affiliated credentialing boards:

(a) Provide the department with such supplies, equipment, office space and meeting facilities as are required for the efficient operation of the department.

(b) Make all arrangements for meetings, hearings and examinations.

(c) Provide such other services as the examining boards or affiliated credentialing boards request.

(6) Appoint outside the classified service an administrator for any division established in the department and a director for any bureau established in the department as authorized in s. 230.08(2). The secretary may assign any bureau director appointed in accordance with this subsection to serve concurrently as a bureau director and a division administrator.

(7) Unless otherwise specified in chs. 440 to 480, provide examination development, administration, research and evaluation services as required.

(8) Collect data related to the registration of speech-language pathologists and audiologists under subch. III of ch. 459 and, on January 15, 1993, report the data and recommendations on whether the licensure of speech-language pathologists and audiologists under subch. II of ch. 459 is appropriate to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution in the manner provided under s. 13.172(2).

(9) Annually prepare and submit a report to the legislature under s. 13.172(2) on the number of minority group members who applied for licensure as a certified public accountant under ch. 442, the number who passed the examination required for licensure as a certified public accountant and the number who were issued a certified public accountant license under ch. 442, during the preceding year.

**History:** 1977 c. 418 s. 26; 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27; 1989 a. 316; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 102, 107; 1995 a. 333.

**440.042 Advisory committees.** (1) The secretary may appoint persons or advisory committees to advise the department and the boards, examining boards and affiliated credentialing boards in the department on matters relating to the regulation of credential holders. The secretary shall appoint an advisory committee to advise the department on matters relating to carrying out the duties specified in s. 440.982 and making investigations, conducting hearings and taking disciplinary action under s. 440.986. A person or an advisory committee member appointed under this subsection shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for his



or her actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

(2) Any person who in good faith testifies before the department or any examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board in the department or otherwise provides the department or any examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board in the department with advice or information on a matter relating to the regulation of a person holding a credential is immune from civil liability for his or her acts or omissions in testifying or otherwise providing such advice or information. The good faith of any person specified in this subsection shall be presumed in any civil action and an allegation that such a person has not acted in good faith must be proven by clear and convincing evidence.

History: 1993 a. 16 ss. 3269, 3299; 1993 a. 107; 1997 a. 156; 1999 a. 32.

**440.045 Disputes.** Any dispute between an examining board or an affiliated credentialing board and the secretary shall be arbitrated by the governor or the governor's designee after consultation with the disputants.

History: 1977 c. 41 s. 27; 1979 c. 34; 1993 a. 107.

The relationship between the department, cosmetology examining board, and governor is discussed. 70 Atty. Gen. 172.

**440.05 Standard fees.** The following standard fees apply to all initial credentials, except as provided in ss. 440.42, 440.43, 440.44, 440.51, 444.03, 444.05, 444.11, 447.04 (2) (c) 2., 449.17, 449.18 and 459.46:

(1) Initial credential: \$53. Each applicant for an initial credential shall pay the initial credential fee to the department when the application materials for the initial credential are submitted to the department.

(b) Examination: If an examination is required, the applicant shall pay an examination fee to the department. If the department prepares, administers, or grades the examination, the fee to the department shall be an amount equal to the department's best estimate of the actual cost of preparing, administering, or grading the examination. If the department approves an examination prepared, administered, and graded by a test service provider, the fee to the department shall be an amount equal to the department's best estimate of the actual cost of approving the examination, including selecting, evaluating, and reviewing the examination.

(2) Reciprocal credential, including any credential described in s. 440.01 (2) (d) and any credential that permits temporary practice in this state in whole or in part because the person holds a credential in another jurisdiction: The applicable credential renewal fee under s. 440.08 (2) (a) and, if an examination is required, an examination fee under sub.(1).

(6) Apprentice, journeyman, student or other temporary credential, granted pending completion of education, apprenticeship or examination requirements: \$10.

(7) Replacement of lost credential, name or address change on credential, issuance of duplicate credential or transfer of credential: \$10.

(9) Endorsement of persons who are credentialed to other states: \$10.

(10) Expedited service: If an applicant for a credential requests that the department process an application on an expedited basis, the applicant shall pay a service fee that is equal to the department's best estimate of the cost of processing the application on an expedited basis, including the cost of providing counter or other special handling services.

History: 1977 c. 29, 418; 1979 c. 34; 1979 c. 175 s. 53; 1979 c. 221 s. 2202 (45); 1983 a. 27; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 264, 265, 329, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 229, 307, 316, 336, 340, 341, 359; 1991 a. 39, 269, 278, 315; 1993 a. 16; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27, 96; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16.

Cross reference: See also ch. RL 4, Wis. adm. code.

**440.055 Credit card payments.** (2) If the department permits the payment of a fee with use of a credit card, the department shall charge a credit card service charge for each transaction. The credit card service charge shall be in addition to the fee that is being paid with the credit card and shall be sufficient to pay the costs to the department for providing this service to persons who request it, including the cost of any services for which the department contracts under sub.(3).

(3) The department may contract for services relating to the payment of fees by credit card under this section.

History: 1995 a. 27; 1999 a. 9.

**440.06 Refunds and reexaminations.** The secretary may establish uniform procedures for refunds of fees paid under s. 440.05 or 440.08 and uniform procedures and fees for reexaminations under chs. 440 to 480.

History: 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 175 s. 53; 1979 c. 221 s. 2202 (45); 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 102.

Cross reference: See also ch. RL 4, Wis. adm. code.

**440.07 Examination standards and services.** (1) In addition to the standards specified in chs. 440 to 480, examinations for credentials shall reasonably relate to the skills likely to be needed for an applicant to practice in this state at the time of examination and shall seek to determine the applicant's preparedness to exercise the skills.

(2) The department, examining board or affiliated credentialing board having authority to credential applicants may do any of the following:

(a) Prepare, administer and grade examinations.

(b) Approve, in whole or in part, an examination prepared, administered and graded by a test service provider.

(3) The department may charge a fee to an applicant for a credential who fails an examination required for the credential and requests a review of his or her examination results. The fee shall be based on the cost of the review. No fee may be charged for the review unless the amount of the fee or the procedure for determining the amount of the fee is specified in rules promulgated by the department.

History: 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 102, 107.

Cross reference: See also ch. RL 4, Wis. adm. code. Department of Regulation and Licensing test scores were subject to disclosure under the open records law. *Munroe v. Braatz*, 201 Wis. 2d 442, 549 N.W.2d 452 (Ct. App. 1996).

**440.08 Credential renewal.** (1) **NOTICE OF RENEWAL.** The department shall give a notice of renewal to each holder of a credential at least 30 days prior to the renewal date of the credential. Notice may be mailed to the last address provided to the department by the credential holder or may be given by electronic transmission. Failure to receive a notice of renewal is not a defense in any disciplinary proceeding against the holder or in any proceeding against the holder for practicing without a credential. Failure to receive a notice of renewal does not relieve the holder from the obligation to pay a penalty for late renewal under sub.(3).

(2) **RENEWAL DATES, FEES AND APPLICATIONS.** (a) Except as provided in par.(b) and in ss. 440.51, 442.04, 444.03, 444.05, 444.11, 448.065, 447.04 (2) (c) 2., 449.17, 449.18 and 459.46, the renewal dates and renewal fees for credentials are as follows:

1. Accountant, certified public: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$59.

3. Accounting corporation or partnership: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$56.

4. Acupuncturist: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$70.

4m. Advanced practice nurse prescriber: October 1 of each even-numbered year; \$73.

5. Aesthetician: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$87.

6. Aesthetics establishment: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$70.

7. Aesthetics instructor: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$70.

8. Aesthetics school: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$115.

9. Aesthetics specialty school: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.

11. Appraiser, real estate, certified general: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$162.

11m. Appraiser, real estate, certified residential: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$167.

12. Appraiser, real estate, licensed: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$185.

13. Architect: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$60.

14. Architectural or engineering firm, partnership or corporation: February 1 of each even-numbered year; \$70.

14f. Athletic trainer: July 1 of each even-numbered year; \$53.

14g. Auction company: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$56.

14r. Auctioneer: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$174.

15. Audiologist: February 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$106.

16. Barbering or cosmetology establishment: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$56.

17. Barbering or cosmetology instructor: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$91.  
 18. Barbering or cosmetology manager: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$71.  
 19. Barbering or cosmetology school: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$138.  
 20. Barber or cosmetologist: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$63.  
 21. Cemetery authority: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$343.  
 22. Cemetery preneed seller: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$61.  
 23. Cemetery salesperson: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$90.  
 23m. Charitable organization: August 1 of each year; \$15.  
 24. Chiropractor: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$168.  
 25. Dental hygienist: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$57.  
 26. Dentist: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$131.  
 26m. Dentist, faculty member: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$131.  
 27. Designer of engineering systems: February 1 of each even-numbered year; \$58.  
 27m. Dietitian: November 1 of each even-numbered year; \$56.  
 28. Drug distributor: June 1 of each even-numbered year; \$70.  
 29. Drug manufacturer: June 1 of each even-numbered year; \$70.  
 30. Electrologist: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$76.  
 31. Electrology establishment: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$56.  
 32. Electrology instructor: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$86.  
 33. Electrology school: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$71.  
 34. Electrology specialty school: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
 35. Engineer, professional: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$58.  
 35m. Fund-raising counsel: September 1 of each even-numbered year; \$53.  
 36. Funeral director: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$135.  
 37. Funeral establishment: June 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$56.  
 38. Hearing instrument specialist: February 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$106.  
 38g. Home inspector: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
 38m. Landscape architect: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$56.  
 39. Land surveyor: February 1 of each even-numbered year; \$77.  
 42. Manicuring establishment: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
 43. Manicuring instructor: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
 44. Manicuring school: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$118.  
 45. Manicuring specialty school: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
 46. Manicurist: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$133.  
 46m. Marriage and family therapist: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$84.  
 46r. Massage therapist or bodyworker: March 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
**NOTE: Subd. 46r. is created eff. 3-1-03 by 2001 Wis. Act 74.**  
 48. Nurse, licensed practical: May 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$69.  
 49. Nurse, registered: March 1 of each even-numbered year; \$66.  
 50. Nurse-midwife: March 1 of each even-numbered year; \$70.  
 51. Nursing home administrator: July 1 of each even-numbered year; \$120.  
 52. Occupational therapist: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$59.  
 53. Occupational therapy assistant: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$62.

54. Optometrist: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$65.  
 54m. Perfusionist: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$56.  
 55. Pharmacist: June 1 of each even-numbered year; \$97.  
 56. Pharmacy: June 1 of each even-numbered year; \$56.  
 57. Physical therapist: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$62.  
 57m. Physical therapist assistant: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$44.  
**NOTE: Subd. 57m. is created eff. 4-1-04 by 2001 Wis. Act 70.**  
 58. Physician: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$106.  
 59. Physician assistant: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$72.  
 60. Podiatrist: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$150.  
 61. Private detective: September 1 of each even-numbered year; \$101.  
 62. Private detective agency: September 1 of each even-numbered year; \$53.  
 63. Private practice school psychologist: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$103.  
 63g. Private security person: September 1 of each even-numbered year; \$53.  
 63m. Professional counselor: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$76.  
 63t. Professional fund-raiser: September 1 of each even-numbered year; \$93.  
 63u. Professional geologist: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$59.  
 63v. Professional geology, hydrology or soil science firm, partnership or corporation: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$53.  
 63w. Professional hydrologist: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$53.  
 63x. Professional soil scientist: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$53.  
 64. Psychologist: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$157.  
 65. Real estate broker: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$128.  
 66. Real estate business entity: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$56.  
 67. Real estate salesperson: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$83.  
 67m. Registered interior designer: August 1 of each even-numbered year; \$56.  
 67q. Registered massage therapist or bodyworker: March 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
**NOTE: Subd. 67q. is repealed eff. 3-1-03 by 2001 Wis. Act 74.**  
 67v. Registered music, art or dance therapist: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
 67x. Registered music, art, or dance therapist with psychotherapy license: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$53.  
 68. Respiratory care practitioner: November 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$65.  
 68d. Social worker: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$63.  
 68h. Social worker, advanced practice: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$70.  
 68p. Social worker, independent: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$58.  
 68t. Social worker, independent clinical: July 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$73.  
 68v. Speech-language pathologist: February 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$63.  
 69. Time-share salesperson: January 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$119.  
 70. Veterinarian: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$105.  
 71. Veterinary technician: January 1 of each even-numbered year; \$58.  
 (b) The renewal fee for an apprentice, journeyman, student or temporary credential is \$10. The renewal dates specified in par.(a) do not apply to apprentice, journeyman, student or temporary credentials.  
 (c) Except as provided in sub.(3), renewal applications shall include the applicable renewal fee specified in pars.(a) and (b).  
 (d) If an applicant for credential renewal requests that the department process an application on an expedited basis, the

applicant shall pay a service fee that is equal to the department's best estimate of the cost of processing the application on an expedited basis, including the cost of providing counter or other special handling services.

**(3) LATE RENEWAL.**(a) Except as provided in rules promulgated under par.(b), if the department does not receive an application to renew a credential before its renewal date, the holder of the credential may restore the credential by payment of the applicable renewal fee specified in sub.(2) (a) and by payment of a late renewal fee of \$25.

(b) The department or the interested examining board or affiliated credentialing board, as appropriate, may promulgate rules requiring the holder of a credential who fails to renew the credential within 5 years after its renewal date to complete requirements in order to restore the credential, in addition to the applicable requirements for renewal established under chs. 440 to 480, that the department, examining board or affiliated credentialing board determines is necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare. The rules may not require the holder to complete educational requirements or pass examinations that are more extensive than the educational or examination requirements that must be completed in order to obtain an initial credential from the department, the examining board or the affiliated credentialing board.

**(4) DENIAL OF CREDENTIAL RENEWAL.**(a) *Generally.* If the department or the interested examining board or affiliated credentialing board, as appropriate, determines that an applicant for renewal has failed to comply with sub.(2) (c) or (3) or with any other applicable requirement for renewal established under chs. 440 to 480 or that the denial of an application for renewal of a credential is necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare, the department, examining board or affiliated credentialing board may summarily deny the application for renewal by mailing to the holder of the credential a notice of denial that includes a statement of the facts or conduct that warrant the denial and a notice that the holder may, within 30 days after the date on which the notice of denial is mailed, file a written request with the department to have the denial reviewed at a hearing before the department, if the department issued the credential, or before the examining board or affiliated credentialing board that issued the credential.

(b) *Applicability.* This subsection does not apply to a denial of a credential renewal under s. 440.12 or 440.13 (2)(b).

**History:** 1991 a. 39 ss. 3305, 3313; 1991 a. 78, 160, 167, 269, 278, 315; 1993 a. 3, 16, 102, 105, 107, 443, 463, 465; 1993 a. 490 ss. 228 to 230, 274, 275; 1995 a. 27, 233, 321, 322, 461; 1997 a. 21, 75, 81, 96, 156, 191, 237, 261, 300; 1999 a. 9, 32; 2001 a. 16, 70, 74, 80, 89.

**440.11 Change of name or address.** (1) An applicant for or recipient of a credential who changes his or her name or moves from the last address provided to the department shall notify the department of his or her new name or address within 30 days of the change in writing or in accordance with other notification procedures approved by the department.

(2) The department or any examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board in the department may serve any process, notice or demand on the holder of any credential by mailing it to the last-known address of the holder as indicated in the records of the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board.

(3) Any person who fails to comply with sub.(1) shall be subject to a forfeiture of \$50.

**History:** 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 107; 1997 a. 27.

**440.12 Credential denial, nonrenewal and revocation based on tax delinquency.** Notwithstanding any other provision of chs. 440 to 480 relating to issuance or renewal of a credential, the department shall deny an application for an initial credential or credential renewal or revoke a credential if the department of revenue certifies under s. 73.0301 that the applicant or credential holder is liable for delinquent taxes, as defined in s. 73.0301 (1) (c).

**History:** 1997 a. 237.

**Cross reference:** See also ch. RL 9, Wis. adm. code.

**440.13 Delinquency in support payments; failure to comply with subpoena or warrant.** (1) In this section:

(b) "Memorandum of understanding" means a memorandum of understanding entered into by the department of regulation and licensing and the department of workforce development under s. 49.857.

(c) "Support" has the meaning given in s. 49.857 (1)(g).

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of chs. 440 to 480 relating to issuance of an initial credential or credential renewal, as provided in the memorandum of understanding:

(a) With respect to a credential granted by the department, the department shall restrict, limit or suspend a credential or deny an application for an initial credential or for reinstatement of an inactive license under s. 452.12 (6) (e) if the credential holder or applicant is delinquent in paying support or fails to comply, after appropriate notice, with a subpoena or warrant issued by the department of workforce development or a county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and related to support or paternity proceedings.

(b) With respect to credential renewal, the department shall deny an application for renewal if the applicant is delinquent in paying support or fails to comply, after appropriate notice, with a subpoena or warrant issued by the department of workforce development or a county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and related to support or paternity proceedings.

(c) With respect to a credential granted by a credentialing board, a credentialing board shall restrict, limit or suspend a credential held by a person or deny an application for an initial credential when directed to do so by the department.

**History:** 1997 a. 191, 237.

#### **440.14 Nondisclosure of certain personal information.**

(1) In this section: (a) "List" means information compiled or maintained by the department or a credentialing board that contains the personal identifiers of 10 or more individuals.

(b) "Personal identifier" means a name, social security number, telephone number, street address, post-office box number or 9-digit extended zip code.

(2) If a form that the department or a credentialing board requires an individual to complete in order to apply for a credential or credential renewal or to obtain a product or service from the department or the credentialing board requires the individual to provide any of the individual's personal identifiers, the form shall include a place for the individual to declare that the individual's personal identifiers obtained by the department or the credentialing board from the information on the form may not be disclosed on any list that the department or the credentialing board furnishes to another person.

(3) If the department or a credentialing board requires an individual to provide, by telephone or other electronic means, any of the individual's personal identifiers in order to apply for a credential or credential renewal or to obtain a product or service from the department or a credentialing board, the department or the credentialing board shall ask the individual at the time that the individual provides the information if the individual wants to declare that the individual's personal identifiers obtained by telephone or other electronic means may not be disclosed on any list that the department or the credentialing board furnishes to another person.

(4) The department or a credentialing board shall provide to an individual upon request a form that includes a place for the individual to declare that the individual's personal identifiers obtained by the department or credentialing board may not be disclosed on any list that the department or credentialing board furnishes to another person.

(5) (a) The department or a credentialing board may not disclose on any list that it furnishes to another person a personal identifier of any individual who has made a declaration under sub.(2), (3) or (4).

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a list that the department or a credentialing board furnishes to another state agency, a law enforcement agency or a federal governmental agency. In addition, par.(a) does not apply to a list that the department or the board of nursing furnishes to the coordinated licensure information system under s. 441.50 (7). A state agency that receives a list from the department or a credentialing board containing a personal identifier of any individual who has made a declaration under sub.(2), (3) or (4) may not disclose the personal

identifier to any person other than a state agency, a law enforcement agency or a federal governmental agency.

History: 1999 a. 88; 2001 a. 66.

**440.142 Reporting potential causes of public health emergency. (1)** A pharmacist or pharmacy shall report to the department of health and family services all of the following:

(a) An unusual increase in the number of prescriptions dispensed or nonprescription drug products sold for the treatment of medical conditions specified by the department of health and family services by rule under s. 252.02 (7).

(b) An unusual increase in the number of prescriptions dispensed that are antibiotic drugs.

(c) The dispensing of a prescription for treatment of a disease that is relatively uncommon or may be associated with bioterrorism, as defined in s. 166.02 (1r).

**(2)** (a) Except as provided in par.(b), a pharmacist or pharmacy may not report personally identifying information concerning an individual who is dispensed a prescription or who purchases a nonprescription drug product as specified in sub.(1) (a), (b), or (c).

(b) Upon request by the department of health and family services, a pharmacist or pharmacy shall report to that department personally identifying information other than a social security number concerning an individual who is dispensed a prescription or who purchases a nonprescription drug product as specified in sub.(1) (a), (b), or (c).

History: 2001 a. 109.

**440.20 Disciplinary proceedings. (1)** Any person may file a complaint before the department or any examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board in the department and request the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board to commence disciplinary proceedings against any holder of a credential.

**(3)** The burden of proof in disciplinary proceedings before the department or any examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board in the department is a preponderance of the evidence.

**(4)** In addition to any grounds for discipline specified in chs. 440 to 480, the department or appropriate examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board in the department may reprimand the holder of a credential or deny, limit, suspend or revoke the credential of any person who intentionally violates s. 252.14 (2) or intentionally discloses the results of a blood test in violation of s. 252.15 (5) (a) or (5m).

History: 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 34; 1985 a. 29; 1989 a. 31,201; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27, 102, 107,490.

The constitutionality of sub.(3) is upheld. *Gandhi v. Medical Examining Board*, 168 Wis. 2d 299,483 N.W.2d 295 (Ct. App. 1992).

A hearing is not required for a complaint filed under this section. 68 Atty. Gen. 30. The "preponderance of the evidence" burden of proof under sub.(3) does not violate the due process rights of a licensee. 75 Atty. Gen. 76.

**440.205 Administrative warnings.** If the department or a board, examining board or affiliated credentialing board in the department determines during an investigation that there is evidence of misconduct by a credential holder, the department, board, examining board or affiliated credentialing board may close the investigation by issuing an administrative warning to the credential holder. The department or a board, examining board or affiliated credentialing board may issue an administrative warning under this section only if the department or board, examining board or affiliated credentialing board determines that no further action is warranted because the complaint involves a first occurrence of a minor violation and the issuance of an administrative warning adequately protects the public by putting the credential holder on notice that any subsequent violation may result in disciplinary action. If an administrative warning is issued, the credential holder may obtain a review of the administrative warning through a personal appearance before the department, board, examining board or affiliated credentialing board that issued the administrative warning. Administrative warnings do not constitute an adjudication of guilt or the imposition of discipline and may not be used as evidence that the credential holder is guilty of the alleged misconduct. However, if a subsequent allegation of misconduct by the credential holder is received by the department or a board, examining board or affiliated credentialing board in the department, the matter relating to the issuance of the administrative warning may be reopened and

disciplinary proceedings may be commenced on the matter, or the administrative warning may be used in any subsequent disciplinary proceeding as evidence that the credential holder had actual knowledge that the misconduct that was the basis for the administrative warning was contrary to law. The record that an administrative warning was issued shall be a public record. The contents of the administrative warning shall be private and confidential. The department shall promulgate rules establishing uniform procedures for the issuance and use of administrative warnings.

History: 1997 a. 139.

Cross reference: See also ch. RL 8, Wis. adm. code.

**440.21 Enforcement of laws requiring credential. (1)** The department may conduct investigations, hold hearings and make findings as to whether a person has engaged in a practice or used a title without a credential required under chs. 440 to 480.

**(2)** If, after holding a public hearing, the department determines that a person has engaged in a practice or used a title without a credential required under chs. 440 to 480, the department may issue a special order enjoining the person from the continuation of the practice or use of the title.

**(3)** In lieu of holding a public hearing, if the department has reason to believe that a person has engaged in a practice or used a title without a credential required under chs. 440 to 480, the department may petition the circuit court for a temporary restraining order or an injunction as provided in ch. 813.

**(4)** (a) Any person who violates a special order issued under sub.(2) may be required to forfeit not more than \$10,000 for each offense. Each day of continued violation constitutes a separate offense. The attorney general or any district attorney may commence an action in the name of the state to recover a forfeiture under this paragraph.

(b) Any person who violates a temporary restraining order or an injunction issued by a court upon a petition under sub.(3) may be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year in the county jail or both.

History: 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 102.

Cross reference: See also ch. RL 3, Wis. adm. code.

**440.22 Assessment of costs. (1)** In this section, "costs of the proceeding" means the compensation and reasonable expenses of hearing examiners and of prosecuting attorneys for the department, examining board or affiliated credentialing board, a reasonable disbursement for the service of process or other papers, amounts actually paid out for certified copies of records in any public office, postage, telephoning, adverse examinations and depositions and copies, expert witness fees, witness fees and expenses, compensation and reasonable expenses of experts and investigators, and compensation and expenses of a reporter for recording and transcribing testimony.

**(2)** In any disciplinary proceeding against a holder of a credential in which the department or an examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board in the department orders suspension, limitation or revocation of the credential or reprimands the holder, the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board may, in addition to imposing discipline, assess all or part of the costs of the proceeding against the holder. Costs assessed under this subsection are payable to the department. Interest shall accrue on costs assessed under this subsection at a rate of 12% per year beginning on the date that payment of the costs are due as ordered by the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board. Upon the request of the department of regulation and licensing, the department of justice may commence an action to recover costs assessed under this subsection and any accrued interest.

**(3)** In addition to any other discipline imposed, if the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board assesses costs of the proceeding to the holder of the credential under sub.(2), the department, examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board may not restore, renew or otherwise issue any credential to the holder until the holder has made payment to the department under sub.(2) in the full amount assessed, together with any accrued interest.

History: 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 107; 1997 a. 27.

The collection of costs assessed under this section may not be pursued in an independent action for a money judgment. The costs may be collected only as a

condition of reinstatement of the disciplined practitioner's credentials. *State v. Dunn*, 213 Wis. 2d 363, 570 N.W.2d 614 (Ct. App. 1997).

**440.23 Cancellation of credential; reinstatement.** (1) If the holder of a credential pays a fee required under s. 440.05 (1) or (6), 440.08, 444.03, 444.05, 444.11 or 459.46 (2) (b) by check or debit or credit card and the check is not paid by the financial institution upon which the check is drawn or if the demand for payment under the debit or credit card transaction is not paid by the financial institution upon which demand is made, the department may cancel the credential on or after the 60th day after the department receives the notice from the financial institution, subject to sub.(2).

(2) At least 20 days before canceling a credential, the department shall mail a notice to the holder of the credential that informs the holder that the check or demand for payment under the debit or credit card transaction was not paid by the financial institution and that the holder's credential may be canceled on the date determined under sub.(1) unless the holder does all of the following before that date:

(a) Pays the fee for which the unpaid check or demand for payment under the credit or debit card transaction was issued.

(b) If the fee paid under par.(a) is for renewal and the credential has expired, pays the applicable penalty for late renewal specified in s. 440.08 (3).

(c) Pays the charge for an unpaid draft established by the depository selection board under s. 20.905 (2).

(3) Nothing in sub.(1) or (2) prohibits the department from extending the date for cancellation to allow the holder additional time to comply with sub.(2) (a) to (c).

(4) A cancellation of a credential under this section completely terminates the credential and all rights, privileges and authority previously conferred by the credential.

(5) The department may reinstate a credential that has been canceled under this section only if the previous holder complies with sub.(2) (a) to (c) and pays a \$30 reinstatement fee.

**History:** 1989 a. 31; 1991 a. 39, 189,269,278,315; 1993 a. 16; 1995 a. 27; 1999 a. 9.

**440.25 Judicial review.** The department may seek judicial review under ch. 227 of any final disciplinary decision of the medical examining board or affiliated credentialing board attached to the medical examining board. The department shall be represented in such review proceedings by an attorney within the department. Upon request of the medical examining board or the interested affiliated credentialing board, the attorney general may represent the board. If the attorney general declines to represent the board, the board may retain special counsel which shall be paid for out of the appropriation under s. 20.165 (1) (g).

**History:** 1985 a. 340; 1993 a. 107.

## CHAPTER 470

### EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS, HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS

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#### **470.01 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) “Examining board” means the examining board of professional geologists, hydrologists and soil scientists.

(lg) “Geology” means a science that involves the study of the earth and the earth’s origin, composition, structure and physical history, including the study of the natural agents, forces and processes that cause changes in the earth and the investigation and collection of data concerning the crust and the interior of the earth and the surface and underground gases, solids and fluids that make up the earth.

(lr) “Hydrology” means a science that involves the study of the waters of the earth, including the study of the occurrence, circulation, distribution, chemistry or quality of water or its role as a natural agent that causes changes in the earth, and the investigation and collection of data concerning waters in the atmosphere or on the surface or in the interior of the earth, including data regarding the interaction of water with other gases, solids or fluids.

(2) “Practice of professional geology” means the performance of or offer to perform any geologic service or work in which the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, environment or property is concerned or involved. “Practice of professional geology” includes the collection of geological data, consultation, investigation, evaluation, interpretation, planning or inspection relating to a service or work that applies geology.

(3) “Practice of professional hydrology” means the performance of or offer to perform any hydrologic service or work in which the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, environment or property is concerned or involved. “Practice of professional hydrology” includes the collection of hydrological data, consultation, investigation, evaluation, interpretation, planning or inspection relating to a service or work that applies hydrology.

(4) “Practice of professional soil science” means the performance of or offer to perform any service or work related to soil science in which the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, environment or property is concerned or involved. “Practice of professional soil science” includes the collection of soil data, consultation, investigation, evaluation, interpretation, planning or inspection relating to a service or work that applies soil science.

(5) “Professional geologist” means a person who engages in the practice of professional geology.

(5m) “Professional geologist section” means the professional geologist section of the examining board.

(6) “Professional hydrologist” means a person who engages in the practice of professional hydrology.

(6m) “Professional hydrologist section” means the professional hydrologist section of the examining board.

(7) “Professional soil scientist” means a person who engages in the practice of professional soil science

(8) “Professional soil scientist section” means the professional soil scientist section of the examining board.

(9) “Soil science” means a science that involves the study of soils between the surface of the earth and bedrock, including the study of natural or human processes or forces that occur in soils,

and the investigation and collection of data concerning soils, including data regarding the interaction of soils with other gases, solids or fluids or living organisms.

**History:** 1997 a. 300 ss. 15, 16, 62.

**470.02 License required.** Except as provided in s. 470.025 or 470.045, no person may do any of the following:

(1) Engage or offer to engage in the practice of professional geology, designate himself or herself as a professional geologist, use or assume the title “professional geologist” or any other title, letters or designation which represents or may tend to represent the person as a professional geologist unless the person is licensed by the professional geologist section under this chapter.

(2) Engage or offer to engage in the practice of professional hydrology, designate himself or herself as a professional hydrologist, use or assume the title “professional hydrologist” or any other title, letters or designation which represents or may tend to represent the person as a professional hydrologist unless the person is licensed by the professional hydrologist section under this chapter.

(3) Engage or offer to engage in the practice of professional soil science, designate himself or herself as a professional soil scientist, use or assume the title “professional soil scientist” or any other title, letters or designation which represents or may tend to represent the person as a professional soil scientist unless the person is licensed by the professional soil scientist section under this chapter.

**History:** 1997 a. 300.

**Cross Reference:** See also ch. GHSS 1, Wis. adm. code.

**470.025 Applicability.** This chapter does not require a license for any of the following:

(1) A person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration or certification granted by this state or the federal government.

(2) An officer or employee of the federal government while engaged within this state in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science for the federal government.

(3) A public service company or its regular employees acting in its behalf that engage in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science exclusively in connection with the facilities of the company that are subject to regulation, supervision or control by a commission of this state or the federal government.

(4) A person who engages in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science exclusively as a regular employee of a private company or corporation, by rendering to the company or corporation geological, hydrological or soil science services in connection with its operations, so long as the person is actually and exclusively so employed and no longer, if the company or corporation has at least one professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist who is licensed under this chapter in responsible charge of the company’s or corporation’s professional geological, hydrological or soil science work in this state.

(5) A contractor, subcontractor or construction material or equipment supplier who performs or undertakes activities that his-

torically and customarily have been performed by a contractor, subcontractor or construction material or equipment supplier in his or her respective trade or specialty, including the preparation and use of drawings, specifications or layouts within a construction firm or in construction operations, superintending of construction; installation and alteration of equipment, cost estimating, consultation with professional geologists, hydrologists or soil scientists or owners concerning materials, equipment, methods and techniques, and investigations or consultation with respect to construction sites, provided all such activities are performed solely with respect to the performance of the contractor's, subcontractor's or supplier's work on buildings or with respect to supplies or materials furnished by him or her for buildings or structures or their appurtenances which are, or which are to be, erected, enlarged or materially altered in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by professional geologists, hydrologists or soil scientists or by a person specified in subs. (1) to (4).

(6) A person employed by a county or this state who is engaged in the planning, design, installation or regulation of land and water conservation activities under ch. 92 or s. 281.65 and who is certified under s. 92.18.

(7) A land surveyor registered under ch. 443 who is engaged in the planning, design, installation or regulation of land and water conservation activities under ch. 92 or s. 281.65.

(8) A person engaged solely in teaching geology, hydrology or soil science or a related physical or natural science, or a person engaged solely in geological, hydrological or soil science research as an employee of an educational or research institution or a governmental agency.

(9) A well driller, as defined in s. 280.01 (7), who is engaged in well drilling: as defined in s. 280.01 (8).

(10) A professional engineer registered under ch. 443 who, while engaged in the practice of professional engineering, as defined in s. 443.01 (6), collects, investigates, interprets or evaluates data relating to soil, rock, groundwater, surface water, gases or other earth conditions, or uses that data for analysis, consultation, planning, design or construction.

(11) A professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist who is licensed to engage in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science in another state or country and is providing a consultation or demonstration with a professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist who is licensed under this chapter.

(12) A person engaged within this state in the practice of a profession, other than professional geology, hydrology, or soil science, including archaeology, aquatic biology, bacteriology, fish management, forestry, horticulture, limnology, mycology, plant pathology, stream ecology, wetland science, or wildlife management, where the practice of the profession by the person involves knowledge within the range of professional geology, hydrology, or soil science, if the person meets all of the following conditions:

(a) The practice of the profession by the person involves only the incidental practice of professional geology, hydrology, or soil science. For purposes of this paragraph, a practice of professional geology, hydrology, or soil science is incidental to the practice of another profession if professional geology, hydrology, or soil science is related to, but not the main purpose of, the other profession, or if a person engages in a practice of professional geology, hydrology, or soil science while primarily engaged in the practice of the other profession.

(b) The person does not designate himself or herself as a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist or use any other title, letters, or designation that represents or may tend to represent that the person is a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist.

History: 1997 a. 300; 2001 a. 53, 105.

**470.03 Duties of the examining board.** (1) The examining board shall do all of the following:

(a) Upon the advice of the professional geologist section, promulgate rules establishing requirements and standards for the practice of professional geology by a person who is licensed as a professional geologist under this chapter, including a code of ethics that governs the practice of professional geology.

(b) Upon the advice of the professional hydrologist section, promulgate rules establishing requirements and standards for the practice of professional hydrology by a person who is licensed as a professional hydrologist under this chapter, including a code of ethics that governs the practice of professional hydrology.

(c) Upon the advice of the professional soil scientist section, promulgate rules establishing requirements and standards for the practice of professional soil science by a person who is licensed as a professional soil scientist under this chapter, including a code of ethics that governs the practice of professional soil science.

(2) Upon the advice of the appropriate section of the examining board, the examining board may promulgate rules that establish continuing education requirements that a person must satisfy to be eligible to renew a license that is issued under this chapter.

(3) Upon the advice of the appropriate section of the examining board, the examining board may promulgate rules that exempt a person who is engaged in a profession related to those listed in s. 470.025 (12) (intro.) from the requirement to obtain a license under this chapter if the practice of the profession by the person involves only the incidental practice of geology, hydrology, or soil science, as defined in s. 470.025 (12) (a), and the person does not designate himself or herself as a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist or use any other title, letters, or designation that represents or tends to represent that the person is a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist.

History: 1997 a. 300; 2001 a. 53.

**470.04 Licensure requirements.** (1) The professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist section may not grant a license under this chapter unless an applicant does each of the following:

(a) Submits an application for the license to the department on a form provided by the department.

(b) Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).

(c) Passes an examination under s. 470.05.

(d) Submits to the department letters of recommendation from 5 persons. At least 3 letters shall be from individuals who have personal knowledge of the individual's experience in, depending on the license for which an application is made, geologic, hydrologic or soil science work. At least one letter of recommendation shall be from an individual who, depending on the license for which an application is made, is licensed as a professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist under this chapter.

(2) The professional geologist section shall grant a professional geologist license to a person who satisfies the requirements under sub. (1) and who submits evidence satisfactory to the section of all of the following:

(a) Subject to s. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, that he or she does not have an arrest or conviction record the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of professional geology.

(b) Subject to sub. (7), that he or she has a bachelor's degree with course credits in geology of a variety and nature sufficient to constitute a geology major from a college or university approved by the examining board.

(c) That he or she has completed one of the following:

1. Subject to sub. (5), at least 5 years of professional experience in geologic work of a character satisfactory to the section which demonstrates that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of geologic work. At least 2 years of the geologic work required under this subdivision must have been performed under the supervision of any of the following:

a. A person who is licensed as a professional geologist under this chapter or, for work performed before January 1, 1999, who

was registered as a professional geologist under ch. 443, 1995 stats.

b. A person who is licensed as a professional geologist in another state or territory or possession of the United States or in another country that has licensure requirements for professional geologists that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure under this chapter.

c. Any other person whom the section determines is qualified to have responsible charge of geologic work.

2. Subject to sub. (6), at least 7 years of professional experience in geologic work of a character satisfactory to the section which demonstrates that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of geologic work, with a satisfactory evaluation of the last 2 years of the professional experience under a peer review system approved by the section.

(3) The professional hydrologist section shall grant a professional hydrologist license to a person who satisfies the requirements under sub. (1) and who submits evidence satisfactory to the section of all of the following:

(a) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, that he or she does not have an arrest or conviction record the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of professional hydrology.

(b) Subject to sub. (7), that he or she has a bachelor's degree with course credits in hydrology or water resources of a variety and nature sufficient to constitute a hydrology or water resources major from a college or university approved by the examining board.

(c) That he or she has completed one of the following:

1. Subject to sub. (5), at least 5 years of professional experience in hydrologic work of a character satisfactory to the section which demonstrates that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of hydrologic work. At least 2 years of the hydrologic work required under this subdivision must have been performed under the supervision of any of the following:

a. A person who is licensed as a professional hydrologist under this chapter or, for work performed before January 1, 1999, who was registered as a professional geologist under ch. 443, 1995 stats.

b. A person who is licensed as a professional hydrologist in another state or territory or possession of the United States or in another country that has licensure requirements for professional hydrologists that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure under this chapter.

c. Any other person who the section determines is qualified to have responsible charge of hydrologic work.

2. Subject to sub. (6), at least 7 years of professional experience in hydrologic work of a character satisfactory to the section which demonstrates that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of hydrologic work, with a satisfactory evaluation of the last 2 years of the professional experience under a peer review system approved by the section.

(4) The professional soil scientist section shall grant a professional soil scientist license to a person who satisfies the requirements under sub. (1) and who submits evidence satisfactory to the section of all of the following:

(a) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, that he or she does not have an arrest or conviction record the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of professional soil science.

(b) Subject to sub. (7), that he or she has a bachelor's degree with course credits in soil science of a variety and nature sufficient to constitute a soil science major from a college or university approved by the examining board.

(c) That he or she has completed one of the following:

1. Subject to sub. (5), at least 5 years of professional experience in soil science work of a character satisfactory to the section which demonstrates that the applicant is qualified to assume

responsible charge of soil science work. At least 2 years of the soil science work required under this subdivision must have been performed under the supervision of any of the following:

a. A person who is licensed as a professional soil scientist under this chapter or, for work performed before January 1, 1999, who was registered as a professional geologist under ch. 443, 1995 stats.

b. A person who is licensed as a professional soil scientist in another state or territory or possession of the United States or in another country that has licensure requirements for professional soil scientists that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure under this chapter.

c. Any other person who the section determines is qualified to have responsible charge of soil science work.

2. Subject to sub. (6), at least 7 years of professional experience in soil science work of a character satisfactory to the section which demonstrates that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of soil science work, with a satisfactory evaluation of the last 2 years of the professional experience under a peer review system approved by the section.

(5) The appropriate section of the examining board shall reduce the 5-year-experience requirement under sub. (2) (c) 1., (3) (c) 1. or (4) (c) 1. to 4 years if an applicant for a license has one or more advanced degrees, approved by the section, in geology, geophysics, geochemistry, hydrology, engineering geology, geotechnical engineering, soil science or a related science.

(6) The appropriate section of the examining board shall reduce the 7-year-experience requirement under sub. (2) (c) 2., (3) (c) 2. or (4) (c) 2. to 6 years if an applicant for a license has one or more advanced degrees, approved by the section, in hydrology, geology, geophysics, geochemistry, engineering geology, geotechnical engineering, soil science or a related science.

(7) The appropriate section of the examining board may waive a requirement specified in sub. (2) (b), (3) (b) or (4) (b) if an applicant for a license has professional experience in excess of 5 years that the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the section is substantially equivalent to the requirement.

History: 1997 a. 300 ss. 20.22, 62, 1999 a. 32

Cross Reference: See also chs GHSS 1, 2, 3, and 4, Wis. adm. code.

#### **470.045 Firms, partnerships and corporations.**

(1) The practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science pertaining to the internal operations of a firm, partnership or corporation may be performed by employees if the professional geological, hydrological or soil science services are performed by or under the direct supervision of a professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist licensed under this chapter or exempt from licensure under s. 470.025. Licensed or exempt professional geological, hydrological or soil science employees may provide professional geological, hydrological or soil science data with respect to the manufacture, sale and utilization of the products of the firm, partnership or corporation to other licensed or exempt professional geologists, hydrologists or soil scientists.

(2) The practice or offer to practice professional geology, hydrology or soil science by individual professional geologists, hydrologists or soil scientists licensed under this chapter, through a firm, partnership or corporation as principals, officers, employees or agents, is permitted subject to this chapter, if all personnel who practice or offer to practice in its behalf as professional geologists, hydrologists or soil scientists are licensed under this chapter and if the firm, partnership or corporation has been issued a certificate of authorization under sub. (3).

(3) (a) A firm, partnership or corporation desiring a certificate of authorization shall submit an application to the department on forms provided by the department, listing the names and addresses of all officers and directors, and all individuals in its employment licensed to practice professional geology, hydrology or soil science in this state who will be in responsible charge of professional geology, hydrology or soil science being practiced in this state through the firm, partnership or corporation and other



relevant information required by the appropriate section of the examining board. A similar type of form shall also accompany the renewal fee. If there is a change in any of these persons, the change shall be reported on the same type of form, and filed with the department within 30 days after the effective date of the change. The appropriate section of the examining board shall grant a certificate of authorization to a firm, partnership or corporation complying with this subsection upon payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1). This subsection does not apply to firms, partnerships or corporations exempt under s. 470.025 (3).

(b) The renewal date and renewal fee for certificates of authorization under this section are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a).

(4) (a) No firm, partnership or corporation may be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees or officers by reason of its compliance with this chapter, nor may any individual practicing professional geology, hydrology or soil science be relieved of responsibility for professional geological, hydrological or soil science services performed by reason of his or her employment or relationship with the firm, partnership or corporation.

(b) All final drawings, specifications, plans, reports or other papers or documents involving the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science that are prepared for the use of a firm, partnership or corporation for delivery by it to any person or that are prepared for public record within the state shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist who was in responsible charge of their preparation. This paragraph does not apply to persons exempt under s. 470.025 (3) or (4).

(5) No firm, partnership or corporation may engage or offer to engage in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science in this state, or use in connection with its name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that it is engaged in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science, nor may it advertise or offer to furnish a professional geological, hydrological or soil science service, unless the firm, partnership or corporation has complied with this chapter.

**History:** 1997 a. 300

**470.05 Examination.** Beginning no later than January 1, 2000, the appropriate section of the examining board shall conduct or arrange for examinations for licensure as a professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist at least semiannually and at times and places determined by the section. Examinations under this section shall require an applicant to demonstrate minimum competency in the principles and practice of subjects substantially related to the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science and may consist of one or more written or oral tests, or both.

**History:** 1997 a. 300.

**Cross Reference:** See also chs. GHSS 2, 3, and 4, Wis. adm. code.

**470.06 Reciprocal licenses.** Upon application and payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2), the appropriate section of the examining board may issue a professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist license to a person who has been issued a similar license by another state or territory of the United States or in another country if he or she submits evidence satisfactory to the section of all of the following:

(1) That, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, he or she does not have an arrest or conviction record the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science.

(2) That the requirements of the other state, territory or country that issued the license are substantially equivalent to the requirements under this chapter.

**History:** 1997 a. 300.

**470.07 Renewal of licenses.** The renewal dates for licenses granted under this chapter are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a). Renewal applications shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the department and shall include the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a) and evidence satisfactory to the appropriate section of the examining board that the applicant has completed any continuing education requirements specified in rules promulgated under s. 470.03 (2).

**History:** 1997 a. 300.

**470.08 Disciplinary proceedings and actions. (1)** Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the appropriate section of the examining board may make investigations and conduct hearings to determine whether a violation of this chapter or any rule promulgated under this chapter has occurred.

(2) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the appropriate section of the examining board may reprimand a person issued a license under this chapter, or may deny, limit, suspend or revoke a license under this chapter, if the applicant or license holder has done any of the following:

(a) Made a material misstatement in an application for a license or for renewal of a license.

(b) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, been arrested or convicted of an offense the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science.

(c) Been adjudicated mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction. A certified copy of the record of an adjudication of incompetency is conclusive evidence of incompetence under this paragraph.

(d) Advertised in a manner that is false, deceptive or misleading.

(e) Advertised, practiced or attempted to practice under another's name.

(f) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.34, engaged in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science while the person's ability to engage in the practice was impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

(g) Violated any requirement or standard relating to the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science established by the examining board by rule.

(h) Engaged in conduct while engaging in the practice of professional geology, hydrology or soil science which evidences a lack of knowledge or ability to apply professional principles or skills.

(i) Failed to cooperate with the examining board in an investigation under this section.

(j) Aided another person in violating this chapter or any rule promulgated under this chapter.

(k) Violated this chapter or any rule promulgated under this chapter.

(3) The examining board may reprimand a firm, partnership or corporation that holds a certificate of authorization issued under this chapter or may limit, suspend or revoke such a certificate if any of the agents, employees or officers of the firm, partnership or corporation has committed any act or has been guilty of any conduct which would authorize a reprimand or a limitation, suspension or revocation of a license under this chapter, unless the firm, partnership or corporation submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that the agent, employee or officer is no longer practicing or offering to practice professional geology, hydrology or soil science in its behalf.

(4) Any person may make charges that any holder of a license or certificate of authorization issued under this chapter has committed an act for which a reprimand or limitation, suspension or revocation of registration is authorized under sub. (2). Such charges shall be in writing, shall be sworn to by the person making

them and shall be submitted to the examining board. The examining board may, on its own motion, make such charges. All charges, unless dismissed by the examining board as unfounded or trivial, shall be heard by the appropriate section of the examining board, subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1).

(5) If, after a hearing under sub. (4), 3 members of a section of the examining board vote in favor of sustaining charges specified in sub. (4), the examining board shall reprimand the holder of the license or certificate of authorization or limit, suspend or revoke the license or certificate.

(6) The examining board, for reasons the appropriate section of the examining board considers sufficient, may reissue a license or certificate of record to any person whose certificate has been revoked if 3 members of the section vote in favor of the reissuance. Subject to the rules of the examining board, the examining board

may, upon payment of the required fee, issue a new license or certificate of authorization to replace any license or certificate that is revoked, lost, destroyed or mutilated.

**History:** 1997 a. 300.

**Cross Reference:** See also chs. GHSS 5, Wis. adm. code.

**470.09 Penalties. (1)** A person who violates this chapter or any rule promulgated under this chapter may be required to forfeit not more than \$5,000 for the first offense and may be required to forfeit not more than \$10,000 for the 2nd or any later offense within a year. Each day of continued violation constitutes a separate offense.

(2) A person who willfully violates this chapter or any rule promulgated under this chapter may be fined not more than \$10,000.

**History:** 1997 a. 300.

## Chapter GHSS 1

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

GHSS 1.01 Purpose.  
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**Note:** Chapter GHSS 1 was created as an emergency rule effective May 15, 1999.

**GHSS 1.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to specify general requirements and procedures which apply to all 3 sections of the board. Requirements specific to professional geologists, professional hydrologists and professional soil scientists are specified in chs. GHSS 2, 3 and 4. Rules of professional conduct for all licensees are specified in ch. GHSS 5.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 1.02 Definitions.** In chs. GHSS 1 to 5:

(1) "Board" or "joint board" means the examining board of professional geologists, hydrologists and soil scientists.

(2) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

(3) "Licensee" means a person licensed as a professional geologist, professional hydrologist or professional soil scientist.

(4) "Section of the board" means either the professional geologist section, the professional hydrologist section or the professional soil scientist section.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 1.03 Licensure seals.** (1) Each professional geologist, hydrologist and soil scientist shall obtain a seal that complies with board specifications for licensure seals. The overall diameter may not be less than 1 5/8 inches nor more than 2 inches. Each seal shall include the licensee's name, license or permit number and city.

(2) The following designs for licensure seals have been approved (*Designs not included. See the seal design set forth at s. A-E 2.021*

(3) A rubber stamp, identical in size, design and content to a board-approved seal, may be used as a substitute for a licensure seal.

(4) Each sheet of plans, drawings, documents, specifications and reports for professional geology, hydrology and soil science practice shall be signed, sealed and dated by the licensee who prepared, or directed and controlled preparation of, the written material, except as specified in sub. (5).

(5) If more than one sheet is bound together in a volume, the licensee who prepared or directed and controlled the preparation of the volume, may sign, seal and date only the title or index sheet if the signed sheet identifies clearly all other sheets comprising the bound volume and if any other sheets in the bound volume which are prepared by or under the direction and control of another licensee are signed, sealed and dated by the other licensee.

(6) Any addition, deletion or other revision to each sheet of plans, drawings, documents, specifications and reports prepared for professional geology, hydrology, or soil science practice which affects public health and safety or any state or local code requirements may not be made unless signed, sealed and dated by the licensee who made or directed and controlled the making of the revision.

(7) All seals or stamps affixed to drawings to be filed as public documents shall be original. No stickers or electronically scanned images may be used. All seals and stamps on drawings shall be signed and dated by the licensed professional in permanent ink contrasting with both the seal and the background.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 1.04 Change of address.** A licensee shall notify the board of a change of name or address as required under s. 440.11 (1), Stats. The notice shall include the person's or firm's former and new addresses and each license or certification number held.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 1.05 Failure to renew a license.** (1) A licensee who fails to renew his or her license by the established renewal date applies for renewal of the license less than 5 years after its expiration, the license shall be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (3), Stats.

(2) (a) If a licensee applies for renewal of his or her license more than 5 years after its expiration, the board shall determine whether the applicant is competent to practice under the license in this state. The inquiry shall include a review of the applicant's practice within the previous 5 years, if any, in other licensing jurisdictions.

(b) After inquiry, the board may impose any reasonable conditions on reinstatement of the license as the board deems appropriate, including a requirement that the applicant complete any current requirement for original licensure.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 1.06 Wetlands mapping by non-licensee.** No license is required under s. 470.02, Stats., for persons publicly or privately engaged in wetlands mapping as described in s. 23.32 (2) (c), Stats., unless the person performing the wetlands mapping does one of the following:

(1) Engages in the practice of other than wetlands mapping for which a license is required under s. 470.02, Stats.; or

(2) Uses a title, or advertises or otherwise engages in a business practice tending to imply, represent or convey the impression he or she is engaged in the practice of professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science for which a license is required under s. 470.02, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00

**GHSS 1.07 Rule-making.** (1) **PROCEDURE.** The board may approve and adopt rules proposed by any section of the board,

(2) **RULES COMMITTEE.** (a) A rules committee is created and shall be comprised of one professional member from each section and 2 public members. Each section shall appoint one professional member by majority vote. The board chair shall appoint the 2 public members from any of the 3 sections of the board.

(b) The rules committee may act for the board in rule-making proceedings except for final approval as specified in sub. (1).

**History:** CR 00-139: Cr. Register July 2001, No. 547 eff. 8-1-01.

## Chapter GHSS 2

### PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST LICENSE

GHSS 2.01 Authority and purpose.  
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GHSS 2.04 Experience as a professional geologist  
GHSS 2.05 Education.  
GHSS 2.06 Examinations.

Note: Chapter GHSS 2 was created as an emergency rule effective May 15, 1999.

**GHSS 2.01 Authority and purpose.** This chapter is adopted under authority in ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2), 470.03 (1) (a) and 470.04, Stats. The purpose of this chapter is to interpret basic education, experience and examination requirements for licensure as a professional geologist as specified in ss. 470.04 and 470.05, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 2.02 Applications.** An applicant for a professional geologist license shall file an application. An applicant who does not comply with a request for information related to the application within one year from the date of the request shall file a new application.

**Note:** Applications are available upon request to the Professional Geologist Section of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 2.03 Application contents.** An application for licensure as a professional geologist shall include:

(1) Either of the following:

(a) Official transcripts of graduate and undergraduate training, properly attested to by the degree granting institution and submitted by the institution directly to the board establishing that the applicant has been granted a bachelor degree in geology or a bachelor degree with a geology major meeting the requirements under s. 470.04 (2) (c), Stats., granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the state board of education in the state in which the college or university is located, or accredited by a Canadian accrediting agency satisfactory to the board, or

(b) A chronological history of the applicant's employment or other qualifying experience in satisfaction of s. 470.04 (7), Stats.

(2) A chronological history of the applicant's employment or other qualifying experience in satisfaction of s. 470.04 (2) (c) 1., Stats.

(3) For applicants applying under s. 470.04 (2) (c) 1. or 2., Stats., a completed "supervised geologic experience" form completed by a supervisor relating to professional geology and who is one of the following:

(a) A professional geologist who, during the time of the supervised practice, was licensed in this state.

(b) A professional geologist who, during the time of the supervised practice, was licensed in another licensing jurisdiction that has licensure requirements not lower than the requirements for licensure in this state.

(c) A person whom the professional geologist section determines is qualified to have responsible charge of geologic work.

(4) For applicants applying under s. 470.04 (2) (c) 2., Stats., submission of at least 3 "peer evaluation" forms satisfactory to the professional geologist section completed by licensed professional geologists who have had professional contact with the applicant's practice and who certify that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of geologic work.

(5) References from at least 5 individuals, at least 3 of whom shall be professionally competent to evaluate the applicant's prac-

tice and at least one of whom shall be licensed as a professional geologist in this state or in a state where an applicant by reciprocity is currently licensed.

(6) The fee required under s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(7) For applicants previously licensed in another state, territory or possession of the United States or in another country, verification of the applicant's licensure in the licensing jurisdiction of original licensure or, if the applicant has permitted his or her licensure in the jurisdiction of original licensure to lapse, verification of licensure in the licensing jurisdiction where the applicant is currently licensed and where the applicant was last engaged in the practice of professional geology.

(8) For applicants who have a pending criminal charge or have been convicted of a crime, all related information necessary for the professional geologist section to determine whether the circumstances of the pending criminal charge or criminal conviction are substantially related to the circumstances of the practice of geology.

(9) Any additional data, exhibits or references showing the extent and quality of the applicant's experience that may be required by the professional geologist section.

(10) Evidence of successful completion of the fundamentals of geology examination and the principles and practice of geology examination.

**Note:** Application forms, including the "Supervised Geologic Experience" form and the "Peer Evaluation" form are available upon request to the Professional Geologist Section of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

#### GHSS 2.04 Experience as a professional geologist.

(1) To qualify as satisfactory professional geologic work for the purposes of s. 470.04 (2) (c), Stats., an applicant's experience shall include the application of accepted principles in the practice of geology and shall demonstrate an applicant's progressive development of competence to practice as a professional geologist. The experience shall be acquired in the areas of the practice of geology listed in sub. (2) (a) to (m) or in other areas of the practice of geology which in the opinion of the professional geologist section provide the applicant with a knowledge of principles and data related to the practice of geology at least equivalent to that which would be acquired by experience in the areas of practice listed. Experience in every listed area is not required.

(2) Areas of experience in the practice of professional geology include:

(a) Mineralogy, including identification of minerals and mineral assemblages, the determination of physical and chemical properties of rocks, and determination of probable genesis and sequence of mineral assemblages.

(b) Petrography or petrology, including identification and classification of major rock types, determination of physical and chemical properties of rocks, and determination of probable genesis and sequence of rock formation.

(c) Geochemistry, including evaluation of geochemical data, and construction of geologic models based on geochemical analyses.

(d) Stratigraphy or historical analysis, including identification of rock sequences, establishment of the relative position of rock units, determination of the ages of rock units, interpretation of depositional environments and geologic histories, performance of facies analyses, and establishment of stratigraphic classifications.

(e) Structural geology, including identification of structural features and their interrelationships, determination of the orientation of structural features, performance of qualitative and quantitative structural analyses, correlation of separated structural features, and interpretation of structural features and tectonic histories.

(f) Paleontology, including determination of estimated relative geologic ages of rocks, identification of fossils and fossil assemblages, correlation of rock biostratigraphy, and paleoecological interpretation.

(g) Geomorphology, including identification of landforms, performance of geomorphic field investigations, determination of geomorphic processes and the development and age relationships of landforms and soils, and interpretation of geomorphic field data.

(h) Geophysics, including performance of geophysical investigations in the field, performance of geological interpretations of geophysical data, and identification of potentially hazardous geological conditions by use of geophysical techniques.

(i) Hydrogeology, including design and interpretation of hydrologic and hydrogeologic testing programs, utilization of physical and chemical data to evaluate hydrogeologic conditions, development and interpretation of groundwater geologic maps and sections, application of geophysical methods to analyze hydrogeologic conditions, determination of the physical and chemical properties of aquifers and vadose zones, determination of groundwater resources and quality, design of wells and drilling programs, development of groundwater resource management plans, and development of remedial action programs.

(j) Engineering geology, including geologic interpretation for engineering design, identification and interpretation of potential seismic and geologic hazards, development and interpretation of engineering geology maps and sections, evaluation of materials resources, establishment of site selection and evaluation criteria, design and implementation of field and laboratory programs, and provision of sample soils for geologic analysis and materials properties testing.

(k) Mining geology, including formulation of exploration programs, implementation of field investigations on prospects, performance of geologic interpretations for mineral reserves, performance of economic analyses and appraisals, provision of geologic interpretations for mineral resource, mine development, and mine reclamation or abandonment.

(l) Petroleum geology, including formulation of exploration plans, implementation of field investigations on prospects, performance of geologic interpretations of physical properties and hydrocarbon reserves, performance of petroleum economic analyses and appraisals, and provision of geologic interpretations for development and abandonment of hydrocarbon reservoirs.

(m) Glacial geology, including understanding glacial processes, deposits, landforms and environments; identification and classification of glacial sediment; performance of facies analyses; identification of glacial sequences and establishment of stratigraphic classifications; determination of glacial histories; and development and interpretation of glacial geologic maps and sections.

(3) Not more than one year of satisfactory experience credit may be granted for any calendar year.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 2.05 Education.** (1) In satisfaction of the education requirement under s. 470.04 (2) (b), Stats., the professional geologist section shall accept a bachelor degree in geology, or a

degree reflecting that the applicant has completed at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of course credits in geology of a variety and nature sufficient to constitute a major in geology, granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the state board of education in the state in which the college or university is located, or accredited by a Canadian accrediting agency satisfactory to the board.

(2) If the degree is from an educational institution not meeting the requirements of sub. (1), the applicant must provide an official evaluation by a transcript evaluation service acceptable to the professional geologist section which shows that the degree is equivalent to a bachelor degree in geology or a bachelor degree with a major in geology meeting the requirements under sub. (1).

(3) In order to be considered a major in geology, an applicant must have completed at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of course credits which include credits in at least 4 of the following areas:

- (a) Geochemistry or geophysics.
- (b) Geologic field methods.
- (c) Glacial geology or geomorphology.
- (d) Hydrogeology or hydrology.
- (e) Mineralogy.
- (f) Petrology or petrography.
- (g) Stratigraphy or sedimentology.
- (h) Structural geology.

(4) In addition to the coursework required under sub. (3), other coursework that may be used to satisfy the 30 semester hour or 45 quarter hour requirement includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Engineering geology.
- (b) Historical geology.
- (c) Mining geology.
- (d) Paleontology.
- (e) Petroleum geology.
- (f) Physical geology.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 2.06 Examinations.** (1) **REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS.** An applicant for initial licensure as a professional geologist shall pass examinations for the professional practice of geology approved by the professional geologist section. Required examinations shall include a fundamentals examination and a principles and practice of geology examination.

(2) **FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION.** The fundamentals examination requires an understanding of the physical and mathematical sciences involved in the fundamentals of geology. To be eligible to take the fundamentals examination, an applicant shall have done one of the following:

(a) Completed at least 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of course credits in geology and be of not less than second semester senior standing in a bachelor program meeting the requirements of s. GHSS 2.05.

(b) Completed at least 4 years of experience, which is determined by the professional geologist section to be equivalent to the requirements of s. GHSS 2.04 (1).

(3) **PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE EXAMINATION** The principles and practice examination requires the ability to apply geologic principles and judgment to problems in the practice of professional geology. To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant shall have done one of the following:

(a) To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant under s. 470.04 (2) (c) 1., Stats., shall have done all of the following:

- 1. Met the requirements under s. 470.04 (2) (a), Stats.
- 2. Met the requirement under s. 470.04 (2) (b), Stats., or have at least 5 years of professional experience in addition to the quali-

qualifying experience under subd. 3., which is determined by the professional geologist section to be substantially equivalent to the requirement under s. 470.04 (2) (b), Stats.

3. Completed at least 4 years of professional experience in geologic work of a character satisfactory to the professional geologist section, or completed at least 3 years of professional experience in geologic work of a character satisfactory to the section if the applicant has one or more advanced degrees relevant to the practice of professional geology, demonstrating that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of geologic work. At least one year of the qualifying professional experience under this subdivision must have been performed under the supervision of one or more of the following:

a. A person who is at the time of application licensed as a professional geologist under this chapter or who, during the period of supervised experience, was licensed as a professional geologist under ch. 470, 1997 Stats.

b. A person who, during the period of supervised experience, was licensed as a professional geologist in another state, territory or possession of the United States or in another country that has licensure requirements for professional geologists that are not lower than the requirements for licensure under this chapter.

c. A person who, during the period of supervised experience, is deemed by the professional geologist section to have been qualified to have responsible charge of geologic work.

(b) To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant under s. 470.04 (2) (c) 2., Stats., shall have done all of the following:

1. Met the requirements under s. 470.04 (2) (a), Stats.

2. Met the requirement under s. 470.04 (2) (b), Stats., or have at least 5 years of professional experience in addition to the qualifying experience under subd. 3., which is determined by the professional geologist section to be equivalent to the requirement under s. 470.04 (2) (b), Stats.

3. Completed at least 6 years of professional experience in geologic work of a character satisfactory to the professional geologist section, or completed at least 5 years of professional experience in geologic work of a character satisfactory to the section if

the applicant has one or more advanced degrees relevant to the practice of professional geology, demonstrating that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of geologic work. At least one year of the qualifying professional experience under this subdivision must have been performed under a peer review system approved by the professional geologist section.

**(3m) APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION.** An applicant for initial licensure shall file an application for examination with the board not less than 2 months before the scheduled date of the examination.

**(4) AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** Otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities shall be provided with reasonable accommodations.

**(5) EXAMINATION AND REFUND FEES.** The fee for the examinations for professional geologists and the requirements for refund of fees are specified in s. 440.05 (1) (b), Stats., and s. RL 4.06, respectively.

**(6) PLACE AND TIME OF EXAMINATIONS.** The examinations required by this section shall be held at sites and on dates designated by the professional geologist section.

**(7) PASSING SCORES.** (a) The passing scores set by the professional geologist section represent the minimum competency required to protect public health and safety.

(b) All required examinations are scored separately. The fundamentals of geology and the principles and practice of geology examinations of the association of state boards of geology are scored separately. An applicant shall achieve a passing score on each of the required examinations to qualify for licensure.

(c) The professional geologist section may accept the recommendations of the association of state boards of geology for the passing score on the fundamentals of geology and the principles and practice of geology examinations.

**(8) CHEATING.** The professional geologist section may deny release of scores or issuance of a credential if the board determines that the applicant violated rules of conduct of the examination or otherwise acted dishonestly in taking the examination.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00; am. (7) (b), r. (7) (d), Register, November, 2000, No. 539, eff. 12-1-00.

## Chapter GHSS 3

### PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGIST LICENSE

GHSS 3.01 Authority and purpose.  
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GHSS 3.03 Experience as a professional hydrologist.

GHSS 3.04 Education.  
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GHSS 3.06 Application contents.

Note: Chapter GHSS 3 was created as an emergency rule effective May 15, 1999.

**GHSS 3.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted under authority in ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2), 470.03 (1) (a) and 470.04, Stats. The purpose of the rules in this chapter is to interpret basic education, experience and examination requirements for licensure as a professional hydrologist as specified in ss. 470.04 and 470.05, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 3.02 Applications.** An applicant who files an application but does not comply with a request for information related to the application within one year from the date of the request shall file a new application.

Note: Applications are available upon request to the Professional Hydrologist Section of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 3.03 Experience as a professional hydrologist.** (1) To qualify as satisfactory professional hydrologic work for the purposes of s. 470.04 (3) (c), Stats., an applicant's experience shall include the application of accepted principles in the practice of hydrology and shall demonstrate an applicant's progressive development of competence to practice as a professional hydrologist. The experience shall be acquired in the areas of the practice of hydrology listed in sub. (2) (a) to (c), or in other areas of the practice of hydrology which in the opinion of the professional hydrologist section provide the applicant with a knowledge of principles and data related to the practice of hydrology at least equivalent to that which would be acquired by experience in the areas of practice listed. Experience in every listed area is not required.

(2) Areas of experience in the practice of professional hydrology include but are not limited to:

(a) Collection and inventory of hydrological data, including monitoring and characterizing surface and subsurface water quality and flow; monitoring precipitation quality, quantity and distribution; assessing surface and subsurface water quality, conditions and impacts; inventorying and assessing sources of water contamination; assessing conditions affecting surface and subsurface water quantity, quality and timing of flow; conducting field tests to determine the hydraulic characteristics of saturated and unsaturated media; inventorying channel and flood plain conditions affecting flow and habitat; inventorying physical, chemical or biological characteristics of lakes and wetlands; designing, installing and maintaining monitoring networks and equipment, such as stream gauges and monitoring wells, used to evaluate surface and subsurface water flow and quality; selecting sampling protocols for measuring surface and subsurface water; measuring surface water flow utilizing current meters and flow control structures; and conducting boring programs and tests to characterize conditions that affect subsurface water flow, contaminant flux, and the source and extent of subsurface contamination.

(b) Interpretation, analysis and modeling of hydrological processes, including estimating the frequency of hydrologic events; estimating water budgets of surface water and aquifer systems; estimating pollutant loads; modeling and assessing surface and subsurface water contaminant fate and transport; modeling and

assessing watershed hydrology; modeling and assessing urban watersheds and stream flow; modeling and assessing surface water quality, modeling and assessing soil erosion and sediment transport; delineating regulatory floodplains; interpreting water chemistry data; evaluating subsurface water flow and quality characteristics; evaluating subsurface water discharge and recharge areas and rates; modeling subsurface water flow, quality and transport; analyzing the hydraulic characteristics of saturated and unsaturated media; and evaluating subsurface contamination and remedial alternatives.

(c) Planning, design, and management of hydrological systems, including designing water control structures, designing watershed management plans, designing runoff and erosion control measures, designing slope stabilization measures, designing detention and retention ponds, designing urban storm water management plans, designing for stream bank and lakeshore protection, designing channels and stream restoration work, designing subsurface remediation systems, and designing water supply wells and wellhead protection plans.

(3) Not more than one year of satisfactory experience credit may be granted for any calendar year.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 3.04 Education.** (1) In satisfaction of the education requirement under s. 470.04 (3) (b), Stats., the professional hydrologist section shall accept a bachelor degree in hydrology or water resources, or a degree reflecting that the applicant has completed at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of course credits in hydrology or water resources of a variety and nature sufficient to constitute a major in hydrology or water resources, granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the state board of education in the state in which the college or university is located, or accredited by a Canadian accrediting agency satisfactory to the board.

(2) If the degree is from an educational institution not meeting the requirements of sub. (1), the applicant shall provide an official evaluation by a transcript evaluation service acceptable to the professional hydrologist section which shows that the degree is equivalent to a bachelor degree in hydrology or water resources or a bachelor degree with a major in hydrology or water resources meeting the requirements under sub. (1).

(3) In order to be considered a major in hydrology, the applicant must have completed at least 12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours of course credits in hydrology or water resources in at least 3 of the following areas:

- (a) Contaminant surface and subsurface water hydrology.
- (b) Field methods in surface and subsurface water hydrology.
- (c) Fluid mechanics or dynamics.
- (d) Fluvial geomorphology.
- (e) Open channel flow and hydraulics.
- (f) Stochastic hydrology.
- (g) Subsurface water hydrology.
- (h) Subsurface water and well hydraulics.
- (i) Surface or subsurface water modeling.
- (j) Surface water hydrology.
- (k) Unsaturated zone hydrology.

(L) Water resource management.

(4) In addition to the coursework required under sub. (3), other hydrology or water resource related coursework that may be used to satisfy the 30 semester hour or 45 quarter hour requirement include, but are not limited to, courses in the following areas:

- (a) Aquatic biology.
- (b) Engineering.
- (c) Environmental health and toxicology.
- (d) Forestry.
- (e) Geography.
- (f) Geology.
- (g) Limnology.
- (h) Meteorology.
- (i) Natural resources.
- (j) Soil science.
- (k) Water chemistry.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 3.05 Examinations.** (1) **REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS** An applicant for initial licensure as a professional hydrologist shall pass examinations for the professional practice of hydrology approved by the professional hydrologist section. Required examinations shall include a fundamentals examination and a principles and practice examination.

(2) **FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION.** The fundamentals examination requires an understanding of the physical and mathematical sciences involved in the fundamentals of hydrology. To be eligible to take the fundamentals examination, an applicant shall have done one of the following:

(a) Completed at least 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of course credits in hydrology or water resources and be of not less than second semester senior standing in a bachelor program meeting the requirements of s. GHSS 3.04.

(b) Completed at least 4 years of experience which is determined by the professional hydrologist section to be equivalent to the requirements of s. GHSS 3.04.

(3) **PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE EXAMINATION.** The principles and practice examination requires the ability to apply hydrologic principles and judgment to problems in the practice of professional hydrology. To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant shall have done one of the following:

(a) To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant under s. 470.04 (3) (c) 1., Stats., shall have done the following:

1. Met the requirements under s. 470.04 (3) (a), Stats.

2. Met the requirement under s. 470.04 (3)(b), Stats., or have at least 5 years of professional experience in addition to the qualifying experience under subd. 3., which is determined by the professional hydrologist section to be equivalent to the requirement under s. 470.04 (3) (b), Stats.

3. Completed at least 4 years of professional experience in hydrologic work of a character satisfactory to the professional hydrologist section, or completed at least 3 years of professional experience in hydrologic work of a character satisfactory to the section if the applicant has one or more advanced degrees relevant to the practice of professional hydrology, demonstrating that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of hydrologic work. At least one year of the qualifying professional experience under this subdivision must have been performed under the supervision of one or more of the following:

a. A person who is at the time of application licensed as a professional hydrologist under this chapter or who, during the period of supervised experience, was licensed as a professional hydrologist under ch. 470, 1997 Stats.

b. A person who, during the period of supervised experience, was licensed as a professional hydrologist in another state, terri-

tory or possession of the United States or in another country that has licensure requirements for professional hydrologists that are not lower than the requirements for licensure under this chapter.

c. A person who, during the period of supervised experience, is deemed by the professional hydrologist section to have been qualified to have responsible charge of hydrologic work.

(b) To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant under s. 470.04 (3) (c) 2., Stats., shall have done the following:

1. Met the requirements under s. 470.04 (3) (a), Stats.

2. Met the requirement under s. 470.04 (3) (b), Stats., or have at least 5 years of professional experience in addition to the qualifying experience under subd. 3., which is determined by the professional hydrologist section to be equivalent to the requirement under s. 470.04 (3) (b), Stats.

3. Completed at least 6 years of professional experience in hydrologic work of a character satisfactory to the professional hydrologist section, or completed at least 5 years of professional experience in hydrologic work of a character satisfactory to the section if the applicant has one or more advanced degrees relevant to the practice of professional hydrology, demonstrating that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of hydrologic work. At least one year of the qualifying professional experience under this subdivision must have been performed under a peer review system approved by the professional hydrologist section.

(3m) **APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION.** An applicant for initial licensure shall file an application for examination with the professional hydrologist section of the board not less than 2 months before the scheduled date of the examination.

(4) **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT** Otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities shall be provided with reasonable accommodations.

(5) **EXAMINATION AND REFUND FEES.** The fee for the examinations for professional hydrologists and the requirements for refund of fees are specified in s. 440.05, Stats., and ch. RL 4, respectively.

(6) **PLACE AND TIME OF EXAMINATIONS.** The examinations required by this section shall be held at sites and on dates designated by the professional hydrologist section.

(7) **PASSING SCORES.** (a) The passing scores set by the professional hydrologist section represent the minimum competency required to protect public health and safety.

(b) The fundamentals of hydrology and the principles and practice of hydrology examinations are scored separately. An applicant shall achieve a passing score on each of the required examinations to qualify for licensure.

(c) The professional hydrologist section shall make the determination of the passing score on each required examination after consultation with subject matter experts who have reviewed a representative sample of the examination questions and available candidate performance statistics.

(8) **CHEATING.** The professional hydrologist section may deny release of scores or issuance of a credential if the board determines that the applicant violated rules of conduct of the examination or otherwise acted dishonestly.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00, am. (2) (b) and (7) (b), Register, November, 2000, No. 539, eff. 12-1-00.

**GHSS 3.06 Application contents.** An application for licensure as a professional hydrologist shall include:

(1) Either of the following:

(a) Official transcripts of graduate and undergraduate training, properly attested to by the degree granting institution and submitted by the institution directly to the professional hydrologist section establishing that the applicant has been granted a bachelor degree in hydrology or water resources or a degree with a hydrology or water resources major meeting the requirements under s. 470.04 (3) (b), Stats., granted by a college or university accredited



by a regional accrediting agency approved by the state board of education in the state in which the college or university is located, or accredited by a Canadian accrediting agency satisfactory to the board, or

(b) **A** chronological history of the applicant's employment or other qualifying experience in satisfaction of s. 470.04 (7), Stats.

(2) **A** chronological history of the applicant's employment or other qualifying experience in satisfaction of s. 470.04 (3) (c) 1. or 2., Stats.

(3) For applicants applying under s. 470.04 (3) (c) 1., Stats., a completed "supervised hydrologic experience" form completed by a supervisor relating to professional hydrology and who is one of the following:

(a) **A** professional hydrologist who, during the time of the supervised practice, was licensed in this state.

(b) **A** professional hydrologist who, during the time of the supervised practice, was licensed in another licensing jurisdiction that has licensure requirements not lower than the requirements for licensure in this state.

(c) **A** person who the professional hydrologist section determines is qualified to have responsible charge of hydrologic work.

(4) For applicants applying under s. 470.04 (3) (c) 2, Stats., submission of at least 3 "peer evaluation" forms satisfactory to the professional hydrologist section completed by licensed professional hydrologists who have had professional contact with the applicant's practice and who certify that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of hydrologic work.

(5) References from at least 5 individuals, at least 3 of whom shall be professionally competent to evaluate the applicant's practice.

(6) The fee required under s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(7) For applicants previously licensed in another state, territory or possession of the United States or in another country, verification of the applicant's licensure in the licensing jurisdiction of original licensure or, if the applicant has permitted his or her licensure in the jurisdiction of original licensure to lapse, verification of licensure in the licensing jurisdiction where the applicant is currently licensed and where the applicant was last engaged in the practice of professional hydrology.

(8) For applicants who have a pending criminal charge or have been convicted of a crime, all related information necessary for the professional hydrologist section to determine whether the circumstances of the pending criminal charge or criminal conviction are substantially related to the circumstances of the practice of hydrology.

(9) Any additional data, exhibits or references showing the extent and quality of the applicant's experience that may be required by the professional hydrologist section.

(10) Evidence of successful completion of fundamentals of hydrology and the principles and practice of hydrology examinations.

**Note:** Application forms, including the "Supervised Hydrologic Experience" form and the "Peer Evaluation" form are available upon request to the Professional Hydrologist Section of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528. eff. 1-1-00.

## Chapter GHSS 4

### PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTIST LICENSE

GHSS 4.01 Authority and purpose.

GHSS 4.02 Applications.

GHSS 4.03 Experience as a professional soil scientist.

GHSS 4.04 Education.

GHSS 4.05 Examinations.

GHSS 4.06 Application contents.

Note: Chapter GHSS 4 was created as an emergency rule effective May 15, 1999.

**GHSS 4.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted under authority in ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2), 470.03 (1) (a) and 470.04, Stats. The purpose of the rules in this chapter is to interpret basic education, experience and examination requirements for licensure as a professional soil scientist as specified in ss. 470.04 and 470.05, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 4.02 Applications.** An applicant who files an application but does not comply with a request for information related to the application within one year from the date of the request shall file a new application.

Note: Applications are available upon request to the Professional Soil Scientist Section of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 4.03 Experience as a professional soil scientist.** (1) To qualify as satisfactory professional soil science work for the purposes of s. 470.04 (4) (c), Stats., an applicant's experience shall include the application of accepted principles in the practice of soil science and shall demonstrate an applicant's progressive development of competence to practice as a professional soil scientist. The experience shall be acquired in the areas of the practice of soil science listed in sub. (2) (a) to (h), or in other areas of the practice of soil science which in the opinion of the professional soil scientist section provide the applicant with a knowledge of principles and data related to the practice of soil science at least equivalent to that which would be acquired by experience in the areas of practice listed. Experience in every listed area is not required.

(2) Areas of experience in the practice of professional soil science include:

(a) Soil physics: the study of the physical properties of porous media, including soils; and the determination of the state, distribution, transport and balances of matter and energy in porous media, especially as related to water, gas and heat.

(b) Soil chemistry: the determination of the chemical constituents, chemical properties, and chemical reactions in porous media, including soils.

(c) Soil classification, morphology and mapping: the description, classification, interpretation and mapping of soil materials in the landscape.

(d) Soil mineralogy: the study of soil science that deals with porous media inorganic materials, including the soils of the earth's crust to the depth of weathering or of sedimentation.

(e) Soil biochemistry: the study of soil science concerned with enzymes, and the reactions, activities and products of soil microorganisms.

(f) Soil biology: the assessment of soil-inhabiting microorganisms and macroorganisms, including their identification, functions, activities and cycles.

(g) Soil fertility: the analysis, interpretation and management of the soil to enhance soil quality and provide nutrients in adequate amounts and in proper balance for the growth of specified plants.

(h) Land use management: the management and practices associated with land waste application, nutrient management, non-point source contaminant control, soil and water conservation, and other land use issues associated with soil management.

(3) Not more than one year of satisfactory experience credit may be granted for any calendar year.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 4.04 Education.** (1) In satisfaction of the education requirement under s. 470.04 (4) (b), Stats., the professional soil scientist section shall accept a bachelor's degree in soil science, or a post baccalaureate degree reflecting that the applicant has completed at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of course credits in soil science of a variety and nature sufficient to constitute a major in soil science, granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the state board of education in the state in which the college or university is located, or accredited by a Canadian accrediting agency satisfactory to the board.

(2) If the degree is from an educational institution not meeting the requirements of sub. (1), the applicant must provide an official evaluation by a transcript evaluation service acceptable to the professional soil scientist section which shows that the degree is equivalent to a bachelor's degree in soil science or a bachelor's degree with a major in soil science meeting the requirements under sub. (1).

(3) In order to be considered a major in soil science, an applicant must have completed at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of course credits which include not less than 15 semester credits or 23 quarter credits in at least 3 of the following areas:

- (a) Soil biology.
- (b) Soil chemistry.
- (c) Soil classification, morphology and mapping.
- (d) Soil conservation and management.
- (e) Soil fertility.
- (f) Soil physics.

(4) In addition to the coursework required under sub. (3), other coursework that may be used to satisfy the 30 semester hour or 45 quarter hour requirement include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Agronomy.
- (b) Bacteriology.
- (c) Botany.
- (d) Engineering.
- (e) Forestry.
- (f) Geography.
- (g) Geology.
- (h) Horticulture.
- (i) Hydrology.
- (j) Meteorology.
- (k) Plant pathology.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 4.05 Examinations.** (1) REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS. All applicants for initial licensure as a professional soil scientist shall pass examinations for the professional practice of soil

science approved by the professional soil scientist section. Required examinations shall include a fundamentals examination and a principles and practice examination.

**(2) FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION** The fundamentals examination requires an understanding of the physical and mathematical sciences involved in the fundamentals of soil science. To be eligible to take the fundamentals examination, an applicant shall have done one of the following:

(a) Be of not less than second semester senior standing in a bachelor of science program in soil science meeting the requirements of s. GHSS 4.04.

(b) Have completed at least 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of course credits for the degree in soil science meeting the requirements of s. GHSS 4.04.

(c) Have at least 4 years of experience which is determined by the professional soil scientist section to be equivalent to the requirements of s. GHSS 4.04.

**(3) PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE EXAMINATION** The principles and practice examination requires the ability to apply soil science principles and judgment to problems in the practice of professional soil science.

(a) To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant under s. 470.04 (4) (c) 1., Stats., shall have done the following:

1. Met the requirements under s. 470.04 (4) (a), Stats.

2. Met the requirement under s. 470.04 (4) (b), Stats., or have at least 5 years of professional experience in addition to the qualifying experience under subd. 3., which is determined by the professional soil scientist section to be equivalent to the requirement under s. 470.04 (4) (b), Stats.

3. Completed at least 4 years of professional experience in soil science work of a character satisfactory to the professional soil scientist section, or completed at least 3 years of professional experience in soil science work of a character satisfactory to the section if the applicant has one or more advanced degrees relevant to the practice of professional soil science, demonstrating that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of soil science work. At least one year of the qualifying professional experience under this subdivision must have been performed under the supervision of one or more of the following:

a. A person who is at the time of application licensed as a professional soil scientist under this chapter or who, during the period of supervised experience, was licensed as a professional soil scientist under ch. 470, 1997 Stats.

b. A person who, during the period of supervised experience, was licensed as a professional soil scientist in another state, territory or possession of the United States or in another country that has licensure requirements for professional soil scientists that are not lower than the requirements for licensure under this chapter.

c. A person who, during the period of supervised experience, is deemed by the professional soil scientist section to have been qualified to have responsible charge of soil science work.

(b) To be eligible to take the principles and practice examination, an applicant under s. 470.04 (4) (c) 2., Stats., shall have done the following:

1. Met the requirements under s. 470.04 (4) (a), Stats.

2. Met the requirement under s. 470.04 (4) (b), Stats., or have at least 5 years of professional experience in addition to the qualifying experience under subd. 3., which is determined by the professional soil scientist section to be equivalent to the requirement under s. 470.04 (4) (b), Stats.

3. Completed at least 6 years of professional experience in soil science work of a character satisfactory to the professional soil scientist section, or completed at least 5 years of professional experience in soil science work of a character satisfactory to the section if the applicant has one or more advanced degrees relevant to the practice of professional soil science, demonstrating that the

applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of soil science work. At least one year of the qualifying professional experience under this subdivision must have been performed under a peer review system approved by the professional soil scientist section.

**(3m) APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION.** An applicant for initial licensure shall file an application for examination with the professional soil scientist section not less than 2 months before the scheduled date of the examination.

**(4) AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** Otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities shall be provided with reasonable accommodations.

**(5) EXAMINATION AND REFUND FEES.** The fee for the examinations for professional soil scientists and the requirements for refund of fees are specified in s. 440.05, Stats., and ch. RL 4, respectively.

**(6) PLACE AND TIME OF EXAMINATIONS.** The examinations required by this section shall be held at sites and on dates designated by the professional soil scientist section.

**(7) PASSING SCORES.** (a) The passing scores set by the professional soil scientist section represent the minimum competency required to protect public health and safety.

(b) The fundamentals of soil science and the principles and practice of soil science examinations are scored separately. An applicant shall achieve a passing score on each of the required examinations to qualify for licensure.

(c) The professional soil scientist section may accept the recommendations of the examination provider for the passing scores on the fundamentals of soil science and the principles and practice of soil science examinations.

**(8) CHEATING.** The professional soil scientist section may deny release of scores or issuance of a credential if the board determines that the applicant violated rules of conduct of the examination or otherwise acted dishonestly.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00; am. (2) (c) and (7) (b), r. (7) (d), Register, November, 2000, No. 539, eff. 12-1-00.

**GHSS 4.06 Application contents.** An application for licensure as a professional soil scientist shall include:

**(1)** Either of the following:

(a) Official transcripts of graduate and undergraduate training, properly attested to by the degree granting institution and submitted by the institution directly to the professional soil scientist section establishing that the applicant has been granted a bachelor's degree in soil science or a bachelor's degree with a soil science major meeting the requirements under s. 470.04 (4) (b), Stats., granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the state board of education in the state in which the college or university is located, or accredited by a Canadian accrediting agency satisfactory to the board, or

(b) A chronological history of the applicant's employment or other qualifying experience in satisfaction of s. 470.04 (7), Stats.

**(2)** A chronological history of the applicant's employment or other qualifying experience in satisfaction of s. 470.04 (4) (c) 1. or 2., Stats.

**(3)** For applicants applying under s. 470.04 (4) (c) 1., Stats., a completed "supervised soil science experience" form completed by a supervisor relating to professional soil science and who is one of the following:

(a) A professional soil scientist who, during the time of the supervised practice, was licensed in this state.

(b) A professional soil scientist who, during the time of the supervised practice, was licensed in another licensing jurisdiction that has licensure requirements not lower than the requirements for licensure in this state.

(c) A person who the board determines is qualified to have responsible charge of soil science work.

**(4)** For applicants applying under s. 470.04 (4) (c) 2., Stats., submission of at least 3 "peer evaluation" forms satisfactory to the

board completed by licensed professional soil scientists who have had professional contact with the applicant's practice and who certify that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of soil science work.

(5) References from at least 5 individuals, at least 3 of whom shall be professionally competent to evaluate the applicant's practice.

(6) The fee required under s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(7) For applicants previously licensed in another state, territory or possession of the United States or in another country, verification of the applicant's licensure in the licensing jurisdiction of original licensure or, if the applicant has permitted his or her licensure in the jurisdiction of original licensure to lapse, verification of licensure in the licensing jurisdiction where the applicant is currently licensed and where the applicant was last engaged in the practice of professional soil science.

(8) For applicants who have a pending criminal charge or have been convicted of a crime, all related information necessary for the professional soil scientist section to determine whether the circumstances of the pending criminal charge or criminal conviction are substantially related to the circumstances of the practice of soil science.

(9) Any additional data, exhibits or references showing the extent and quality of the applicant's experience that may be required by the professional soil scientist section.

(10) Evidence of successful completion of fundamentals of soil science and principles and practice of soil science examinations.

**Note:** Application forms are available upon request to the Professional Soil Scientist Section of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

## Chapter GHSS 5

### UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

GHSS 5.01 Authority.  
GHSS 5.02 Intent.

GHSS 5.03 Unprofessional conduct.

**Note:** Chapter GHSS 5 was created as an emergency rule effective May 15, 1999

**GHSS 5.01 Authority.** The rules of conduct in this chapter are adopted under authority of ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2), 470.03 (1) and 470.08, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

**GHSS 5.02 Intent.** The intent of the board in adopting this chapter is to establish rules of professional conduct for the professions of geology, hydrology and soil science. A violation of any standard specified in this chapter may result in disciplinary action under s. 470.08 (2) (g), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00

**GHSS 5.03 Unprofessional conduct.** "Unprofessional conduct" includes any of the following or aiding another person who is violating any of the following:

(1) Making a material misstatement in an application for a license or for renewal of a license.

(2) ~~Not~~ sitting for any licensure examination, soliciting or knowingly disclosing examination content.

(3) Failing to cooperate with the board or a section of the board in an investigation under this section.

(4) Engaging in gross negligence in the practice of professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science through the performance of professional services which do not comply with an acceptable standard of practice that has a significant relationship to the protection of health, safety or public welfare and is performed in a manner indicating that the professional knew or should have known, but acted with indifference to or disregard of, the accepted standard of practice.

(5) Providing incompetent services in the practice of professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science which demonstrate any of the following:

(a) Lack of ability or fitness to discharge the duty owed by a professional geologist, professional hydrologist or professional soil scientist to a client or employer or to the public.

(b) Lack of knowledge of the fundamental principles of the profession or an inability to apply fundamental principles of the profession.

(c) Failure to maintain competency in the current practices and methods applicable to the profession.

(6) ~~Subject to~~ ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats., engaging in the practice of professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science while the person's ability to engage in the practice was impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

(7) Having been adjudicated mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(8) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats., having violated federal or state laws, local ordinances or administrative rules relating to the practice of professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science.

(9) Preparing deficient plans, drawings, maps, specifications or reports.

(10) Engaging in conduct which evidences a lack of trustworthiness to transact the business required by the profession.

(11) Misrepresenting professional qualifications such as education, specialized training or experience.

(12) Failing to provide appropriate supervision to those to whom a licensee has delegated services constituting the practice of professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science, including the following:

(a) Indirect or casual review or inspection of prepared plans, drawings, specifications, maps, plats, charts, reports or other documents.

(b) Delegation of any decision requiring professional judgment.

(c) Mere assumption by a professional geologist, professional hydrologist or professional soil scientist of responsibility for work without having control of the work.

(d) Assumption of charge, control or direct supervision of work in which the professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist does not have technical proficiency.

(13) When offering to perform professional services as a professional geologist, professional hydrologist or professional soil scientist, failing to accurately and truthfully represent to a prospective client or employer the capabilities and qualifications which the licensee has to perform the services to be rendered or the costs and completion times of a proposed project.

(14) Offering to perform or performing services which the licensee is not qualified to perform by education or experience without retaining the services of another who is qualified.

(15) Using false, fraudulent or deceptive advertising or publicity; or practicing or attempting to practice under another's name.

(16) Falsely representing that the licensee is engaged in a partnership or association with another unless there exists in fact a partnership or association, or practicing under a firm name that misrepresents the identity of those practicing in the firm or misrepresents the type of services which the firm is authorized and qualified to perform.

(17) Collecting a fee for recommending the services of another unless written notice is first given to all parties concerned.

(18) Any conflict of interest, unless the licensee informs the client or employer of all the circumstances which may interfere with or impair the licensee's obligation to provide professional services, and unless the licensee has the ~~full~~ approval and consent of the client or employer.

(19) Failing to notify an employer or client and to withdraw from employment at any time if it becomes apparent that it is not possible to faithfully discharge the responsibilities and duties owed to the client or employer; or agreeing to perform professional services for a client or employer if the registrant has a significant financial or other interest which would impair or interfere with the registrant's responsibility to faithfully discharge professional services on behalf of the client or employer.

(20) Accepting payment from any party other than a client or employer for a particular project or having any direct or indirect financial interest in a service or phase of a service to be provided as part of a project unless the employer or client approves.

**(21)** Soliciting or accepting anything of value from material or equipment suppliers in return for specifying or endorsing a product.

**(22)** Violating the confidences of a client or employer, except as otherwise required by law.

**(23)** Providing services for a client or employer while a full-time employee of another employer without notifying all parties concerned.

**(24)** Aiding or abetting the unlicensed practice of professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science.

**(25)** Signing, sealing or stamping any plans, drawings, documents, specifications or reports for professional geology, professional hydrology or professional soil science practice which are not prepared by the licensee or under his or her personal direction and control.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00.

## Chapter A-E 2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

### A-E 2.02 Registration seals.

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(1) Each architect, landscape architect, professional engineer, designer and land surveyor shall obtain a seal that complies with board specifications for registration seals. The overall diameter may not be less than 1 5/8 inches nor more than 2 inches. Each seal shall include the registrant's name, registration or permit number and city.

(2) The following designs for registration seals have been approved:



(3) A rubber stamp, identical in size, design and content to a board-approved seal, may be used as a substitute for a registration seal.

(4) Each sheet of plans, drawings, documents, specifications and reports for architectural, landscape architectural, professional engineering, design or land surveying practice shall be signed, sealed and dated by the registrant or permit holder who prepared, or directed and controlled preparation of, the written material, except as specified in sub. (5).

(5) If more than one sheet is bound together in a volume, the registrant or permit holder who prepared or directed and controlled the preparation of the volume, may sign, seal and date only the title or index sheet if the signed sheet identifies clearly all other sheets comprising the bound volume and if any other

sheets which are prepared by or under the direction and control of another registrant or permit holder are signed, sealed and dated by the other registrant or permit holder.

(6) Any addition, deletion or other revision to each sheet of plans, drawings, documents, specifications and reports for architectural, landscape architectural, professional engineering, design or land surveying practice which affects public health and safety or any state or local code requirements may not be made unless signed, sealed and dated by the registrant or permit holder who made or directed and controlled the making of the revision.

(7) (a) All seals or stamps affixed to drawings and specifications to be filed as public documents shall be original. No stickers or electronically scanned images shall be allowed.

(b) All seals and stamps on drawings and specifications to be filed as public documents shall be signed and dated by the registered professional in one of the following manners:

1. In a permanent ink contrasting with the seal and the background.

2. Utilizing an electronic signature meeting the requirements of s. 137.06, Stats., if permitted by the governmental unit that is to receive the drawings and specifications.

(c) If other standards for signatures or seals are prescribed by statute, the statutes shall govern.

(8) Plans, specifications and calculations for buildings and structures not exempt under s. 443.15, Stats., which have been prepared by an architect or professional engineer other than the Wisconsin registered architect or engineer who is submitting the plans, specifications and calculations for filing as public documents, may be submitted if all of the following conditions are satisfied.

(a) The plans, specifications and calculations shall have been prepared by or under the supervision of an architect or professional engineer licensed in some state of the United States, and shall bear the signature and seal or stamp of the architect or professional engineer who prepared them or under whose supervision and control they were prepared.

(b) A certificate, dated, signed and sealed by the Wisconsin registered architect or professional engineer who is submitting the plans, specifications and calculations for filing as public documents, shall be attached to the plans, specifications and calculations. The certificate shall indicate that the plans, specifications and calculations were prepared by an architect or professional engineer other than the submitting registered architect or professional engineer; shall describe the work performed by the submitting registered architect or professional engineer; and shall include statements to the effect that the plans and specifications have been reviewed and comply with all applicable local and state building codes, and that the reviewing registered architect or professional engineer will be responsible for the supervision of construction in accordance with the requirements of the state, and of the county and municipality where the building or structure is to be erected. If the registered architect or professional engineer who originally prepared the plans, specifications and calculations was registered in Wisconsin at the time they were prepared, the certificate shall also specify why the original architect or professional engineer is not submitting the plans, specifications and calculations for approval.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; cr. (7), Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; am. (1), (2), (4) and (6), Register, June, 1995, No. 474, eff. 7-1-95; am. (1), (2), (4) and (6), Register, February, 2000, No. 530, eff. 3-1-00; cr. (8), Register, November, 2000, No. 539, eff. 12-1-00; CR 01-034: r. and recr. (7), Register December 2001 No. 552, eff. 1-1-02.

## Chapter RL 1

## PROCEDURES TO REVIEW DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION

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**RL 1.01 Authority and scope.** Rules in this chapter are adopted under authority in s. 440.03 (1), Stats., for the purpose of governing review of a decision to deny an application. Rules in this chapter do not apply to denial of an application for renewal of a credential. Rules in this chapter shall apply to applications received on or after July 1, 1996.

**Note:** Procedures used for denial of an application for renewal of a credential are found in Ch. RL 2, Wis. Admin. Code and s. 127.01 (3) (b), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; am., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.02 Scope.** **History:** Cr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; r., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) "Applicant" means any person who applies for a credential from the applicable credentialing authority. "Person" in this subsection includes a business entity.

(2) "Credential" means a license, permit, or certificate of certification or registration that is issued under chs. 440 to 480, Stats.

(3) "Credentialing authority" means the department or an attached examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board having authority to issue or deny a credential.

(4) "Denial review proceeding" means a class 1 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01 (3) (a), Stats., in which a credentialing authority reviews a decision to deny a completed application for a credential.

(5) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

(6) "Division" means the division of enforcement in the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; correction in (4) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, May, 1988, No. 389; am. (1), (4), r. (2), renum. (3) to be (5), cr. (2), (3), (6), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.04 Examination failure: retake and hearing.**

(1) An applicant may request a hearing to challenge the validity, scoring or administration of an examination if the applicant has exhausted other available administrative remedies, including, but not limited to, internal examination review and regrading, and if either:

(a) The applicant is no longer eligible to retake a qualifying examination.

(b) Reexamination is not available within 6 months from the date of the applicant's last examination.

(2) A failing score on an examination does not give rise to the right to a hearing if the applicant is eligible to retake the examination and reexamination is available within 6 months from the date of the applicant's last examination.

**Note:** An applicant is not eligible for a license until his or her application is complete. An application is not complete until an applicant has submitted proof of having successfully passed any required qualifying examination. If an applicant fails the qualifying examination, but has the right to retake it within 6 months, the applicant is not entitled to a hearing under this chapter.

**History:** Cr., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.05 Request for hearing.** **History:** Cr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; corrections in (2) (a) and (b) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, May, 1988, No. 389; r. Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.05 Notice of intent to deny and notice of denial.**

(1) **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY.** (a) A notice of intent to deny may

be issued upon an initial determination that the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements for a credential. A notice of intent to deny shall contain a short statement in plain language of the basis for the anticipated denial, specify the statute, rule or other standard upon which the denial will be based and state that the application shall be denied unless, within 45 calendar days from the date of the mailing of the notice, the credentialing authority receives additional information which shows that the applicant meets the requirements for a credential. The notice shall be substantially in the form shown in Appendix I.

(b) If the credentialing authority does not receive additional information within the 45 day period, the notice of intent to deny shall operate as a notice of denial and the 45 day period for requesting a hearing described in s. RL 1.07 shall commence on the date of mailing of the notice of intent to deny.

(c) If the credentialing authority receives additional information within the 45 day period which fails to show that the applicant meets the requirements for a credential, a notice of denial shall be issued under sub. (2).

(2) **NOTICE OF DENIAL.** If the credentialing authority determines that an applicant does not meet the requirements for a credential, the credentialing authority shall issue a notice of denial in the form shown in Appendix II. The notice shall contain a short statement in plain language of the basis for denial, specify the statute, rule or other standard upon which the denial is based, and be substantially in the form shown in Appendix II.

**History:** Cr., Register, July, 1996, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.06 Parties to a denial review proceeding.** Parties to a denial review proceeding are the applicant, the credentialing authority and any person admitted to appear under s. 227.44 (2m), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; renum. from RL 1.04 and am., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.07 Request for hearing.** An applicant may request a hearing within 45 calendar days after the mailing of a notice of denial by the credentialing authority. The request shall be in writing and set forth all of the following:

(1) The applicant's name and address.

(2) The type of credential for which the applicant has applied.

(3) A specific description of the mistake in fact or law which constitutes reasonable grounds for reversing the decision to deny the application for a Credential. If the applicant asserts that a mistake in fact was made, the request shall include a concise statement of the essential facts which the applicant intends to prove at the hearing. If the applicant asserts a mistake in law was made, the request shall include a statement of the law upon which the applicant relies.

**History:** Cr., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.08 Procedure.** The procedures for a denial review proceeding are:

(1) **REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR HEARING.** Within 45 calendar days of receipt of a request for hearing, the credentialing authority or its designee shall grant or deny the request for a hearing on a denial of a credential. A request shall be granted if requirements in s. RL 1.07 are met, and the credentialing authority or its designee shall



notify the applicant of the time, place and nature of the hearing. If the requirements in s. RL 1.07 are not met, a hearing shall be denied, and the credentialing authority or its designee shall inform the applicant in writing of the reason for denial. For purposes of a petition for review under s. 227.52, Stats., a request is denied if a response to a request for hearing is not issued within 45 calendar days of its receipt by the credentialing authority.

**(2) DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER.** An administrative law judge employed by the department shall preside over denial hearings, unless the credentialing authority designates otherwise. The administrative law judge shall be an attorney in the department designated by the department general counsel, an employee borrowed from another agency pursuant to s. 20.901, Stats., or a person employed as a special project or limited term employee by the department, except that the administrative law judge may not be an employee in the division.

**(3) DISCOVERY.** ~~Unless the parties otherwise agree, no discovery is permitted, except for the taking and preservation of evidence as provided in ch. 804, Stats., with respect to witnesses described in s. 227.45 (7) (a) to (d), Stats. An applicant may inspect records under s. 19.35, Stats., the public records law.~~

**(4) BURDEN OF PROOF.** The applicant has the burden of proof to show by evidence satisfactory to the credentialing authority that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements set by law for the credential.

History: Cr., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.09 Conduct of hearing. (1) RECORD.** A stenographic, electronic or other record shall be made of all hearings in which the testimony of witnesses is offered as evidence, and of other oral proceedings when requested by a party.

**(2) ADJOURNMENTS.** The presiding officer may, for good cause, grant continuances, adjournments and extensions of time.

**(3) SUBPOENAS.** (a) Subpoenas for the attendance of any witness at a hearing in the proceeding may be issued in accordance with s. 227.45 (6m), Stats.

(b) A presiding officer may issue protective orders according to the provisions of s. 805.07, Stats.

**(4) MOTIONS.** All motions, except those made at hearing, shall be in writing, filed with the presiding officer and a copy served upon the opposing party not later than 5 days before the time specified for hearing the motion.

**(5) EVIDENCE.** The credentialing authority and the applicant shall have the right to appear in person or by counsel, to call, examine and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce evidence into the record. If the applicant submits evidence of eligibility for a credential which was not submitted to the credentialing authority prior to denial of the application, the presiding officer may request the credentialing authority to reconsider the application and the evidence of eligibility not previously considered.

**(6) BRIEFS.** The presiding officer may require the filing of briefs.

**(7) LOCATION OF HEARING.** All hearings shall be held at the offices of the department in Madison unless the presiding officer determines that the health or safety of a witness or of a party or an emergency requires that a hearing be held elsewhere.

History: Cr., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.10 Service.** Service of any document on an applicant may be made by mail addressed to the applicant at the last address filed in writing by the applicant with the credentialing authority. Service by mail is complete on the date of mailing.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; renun. from RL 1.06 and am., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.11 Failure to appear.** ~~In the event that neither the applicant nor his or her representative appears at the time and place designated for the hearing, the credentialing authority may take action based upon the record as submitted. By failing to appear, an applicant waives any right to appeal before the credentialing authority which denied the license.~~

History: Cr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; renun. from RL 1.07 and am., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.12 Withdrawal of request.** A request for hearing may be withdrawn at any time. Upon receipt of a request for withdrawal, the credentialing authority shall issue an order affirming the withdrawal of a request for hearing on the denial.

History: Cr., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 1.13 Transcription fees. (1)** The fee charged for a transcript of a proceeding under this chapter shall be computed by the person or reporting service preparing the transcript on the following basis:

(a) If the transcript is prepared by a reporting service, the fee charged for an original transcription and for copies shall be the amount identified in the state operational purchasing bulletin which identifies the reporting service and its fees.

(b) If a transcript is prepared by the department, the department shall charge a transcription fee of \$1.75 per page and a copying charge of \$.25 per page. If 2 or more persons request a transcript, the department shall charge each requester a copying fee of \$.25 per page, but may divide the transcript fee equitably among the requesters. If the department has prepared a written transcript for its own use prior to the time a request is made, the department shall assume the transcription fee, but shall charge a copying fee of \$.25 per page.

**(2)** A person who is without means and who requires a transcript for appeal or other reasonable purposes shall be furnished with a transcript without charge upon the filing of a petition of indigency signed under oath. For purposes of this section, a determination of indigency shall be based on the standards used for making a determination of indigency under s. 977.07, Stats.

History: Cr., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**Chapter RL 1**  
**APPENDIX I**  
**NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY**

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[DATE]  
[NAME and  
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT]

Re:           Application for [TYPE OF CREDENTIAL]; Notice of Intent to Deny

Dear [APPLICANT]:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the state of Wisconsin [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] has reviewed your application for a [TYPE OF CREDENTIAL]. On the basis of the application submitted, the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] intends to deny your application for reasons identified below unless, within 45 calendar days from the date of the mailing of this notice, the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] receives additional information which shows that you meet the requirements for a credential.

[STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DENIAL]

The legal basis for this decision is:

[SPECIFY THE STATUTE, RULE OR OTHER STANDARD UPON  
WHICH THE DENIAL WILL BE BASED]

If the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] does not receive additional information within the 45 day period, this notice of intent to deny shall operate as a notice of denial and the 45 day period you have for requesting a hearing shall commence on the date of mailing of this notice of intent to deny.

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[Designated Representative of Credentialing Authority]

PLEASE NOTE that you have a right to a hearing on the denial of your application if you file a request for hearing in accordance with the provisions of Ch. RL 1 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. If you do not submit additional information in support of your application, you may request a hearing within 45 calendar days after the mailing of this notice. Your request must be submitted in writing to the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] at:

Department of Regulation and Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The request must contain your name and address, the type of credential for which you have applied, a specific description of the mistake in fact or law that you assert was made in the denial of your credential, and a concise statement of the essential facts which you intend to prove at the hearing. You will be notified in writing of the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY'S] decision. Under s. RL 1.08 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, a request for a hearing is denied if a response to a request for a hearing is not issued within 45 days of its receipt by the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY]. Time periods for a petition for review begin to run 45 days after the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] has received a request for a hearing and has not responded.

**Chapter RL 1**  
**APPENDIX II**  
**NOTICE OF DENIAL**

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[DATE]  
[NAME and  
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT]

Re: Application for [TYPE OF CREDENTIAL]; Notice of Denial

Dear [APPLICANT]:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the state of Wisconsin [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] has reviewed your application for a [TYPE OF CREDENTIAL] and denies the application for the following reasons:

[STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DENIAL]

The legal basis for this decision is:

[SPECIFY THE STATUTE, RULE OR OTHER STANDARD UPON  
WHICH THE DENIAL WILL BE BASED]

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[Designated Representative of Credentialing Authority]

PLEASE NOTE that you have a right to a hearing on the denial of your application if you file a request for hearing in accordance with the provisions of Ch. RL 1 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. You may request a hearing within 45 calendar days after the mailing of this notice of denial. Your request must be submitted in writing to the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] at:

Department of Regulation and Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The request must contain your name and address, the **type** of credential for which you have applied, a specific description of the mistake in fact or law that you assert was made in the denial of your credential, and a concise statement of the essential facts which you intend to prove at the hearing. You will be notified in writing of the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY'S] decision. Under s. RL 1.08 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, a request for a hearing is denied if a response to a request for a hearing is not issued within 45 days of its receipt by the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY]. Time periods for a petition for review begin to run 45 days after the [CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY] has received a request for a hearing and has not responded.

## Chapter RL 2

## PROCEDURES FOR PLEADING AND HEARINGS

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**RL 2.01 Authority.** The rules in ch. RL 2 are adopted pursuant to authority in s. 440.03 (1), Stats., and procedures in ch. 221, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. Register, May, 1982, No. 317, eff. 6-1-82.

**RL 2.02 Scope; kinds of proceedings.** The rules in this chapter govern procedures in class 2 proceedings, as defined in s. 227.01 (3) (b), Stats., against licensees before the department and all disciplinary authorities attached to the department, except that s. RL 2.17 applies also to class 1 proceedings, as defined in s. 227.01 (3) (a), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. Register, May, 1982, No. 317, eff. 6-1-82; corrections made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7, Stats., Register, May, 1988, No. 389; am. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

- (1) "Complainant" means the person who signs a complaint.
- (2) "Complaint" means a document which meets the requirements of ss. RL 2.05 and 2.06.
- (3) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.
- (4) "Disciplinary authority" means the department or the attached examining board or board having authority to revoke the license of the holder whose conduct is under investigation.
- (5) "Disciplinary proceeding" means a proceeding against one or more licensees in which a disciplinary authority may determine to revoke or suspend a license, to reprimand a licensee, to limit a license, to impose a forfeiture, or to refuse to renew a license because of a violation of law.
- (6) "Division" means the division of enforcement in the department.
- (7) "Informal complaint" means any written information submitted to the division or any disciplinary authority by any person which requests that a disciplinary proceeding be commenced against a licensee or which alleges facts, which if true, warrant discipline.
- (8) "Licensee" means a person, partnership, corporation or association holding any license, permit, certificate or registration granted by a disciplinary authority or having any right to renew a license, permit, certificate or registration granted by a disciplinary authority.
- (9) "Respondent" means the person against whom a disciplinary proceeding has been commenced and who is named as respondent in a complaint.
- (10) "Settlement conference" means a proceeding before a disciplinary authority or its designee conducted according to s. RL 2.036, in which a conference with one or more licensee is held to

attempt to reach a fair disposition of an informal complaint prior to the commencement of a disciplinary proceeding.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (1) and (6), reg. num. (7) and (8) to be (8) and (9), cr. (7), Register, May, 1982, No. 317, eff. 6-1-82; r. (1), renum. (2) to (4) to be (1) to (3), cr. (4) and (10), am. (5), (7) and (8), Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.035 Receiving informal complaints.** All informal complaints received shall be referred to the division for filing, screening and, if necessary, investigation. Screening shall be done by the disciplinary authority, or, if the disciplinary authority directs, by a disciplinary authority member or the division. In this section, screening is a preliminary review of complaints to determine whether an investigation is necessary. Considerations in screening include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Whether the person complained against is licensed;
- (2) Whether the violation alleged is a fee dispute;
- (3) Whether the matter alleged, if taken as a whole, is trivial; and
- (4) Whether the matter alleged is a violation of any statute, rule or standard of practice.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1982, No. 317, eff. 6-1-82; am. (intro.) and (3), Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.036 Procedure for settlement conferences.** At the discretion of the disciplinary authority, a settlement conference may be held prior to the commencement of a disciplinary proceeding, pursuant to the following procedures:

(1) **SELECTION OF INFORMAL COMPLAINTS.** The disciplinary authority or its designee may determine that a settlement conference is appropriate during an investigation of an informal complaint if the information gathered during the investigation presents reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the laws enforced by the disciplinary authority has occurred. Considerations in making the determination may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Whether the issues arising out of the investigation of the informal complaint are clear, discrete and sufficiently limited to allow for resolution in the informal setting of a settlement conference; and
- (b) Whether the facts of the informal complaint are undisputed or clearly ascertainable from the documents received during investigation by the division.

(2) **PROCEDURES.** When the disciplinary authority or its designee has selected an informal complaint for a possible settlement conference, the licensee shall be contacted by the division to determine whether the licensee desires to participate in a settlement conference. A notice of settlement conference and a description of settlement conference procedures, prepared on forms prescribed by the department, shall be sent to all participants in ad-

vance of any settlement conference. A settlement conference shall not be held without the consent of the licensee. No agreement reached between the licensee and the disciplinary authority or its designee at a settlement conference which imposes discipline upon the licensee shall be binding until the agreement is reduced to writing, signed by the licensee, and accepted by the disciplinary authority.

**(3) ORAL STATEMENTS AT SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE.** Oral statements made during a settlement conference shall not be introduced into or made part of the record in a disciplinary proceeding.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.037 Parties to a disciplinary proceeding.** Parties to a disciplinary proceeding are the respondent, the division and the disciplinary authority before which the disciplinary proceeding is heard.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1982, No. 317, eff. 6-1-82; renum. from RL 2.036 and am., Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.04 Commencement of disciplinary proceedings.** Disciplinary proceedings are commenced when a notice of hearing is filed in the disciplinary authority office or with a designated administrative law judge.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1979, No. 278, eff. 3-1-79; am. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.05 Pleadings to be captioned.** All pleadings, notices, orders, and other papers filed in disciplinary proceedings shall be captioned: "BEFORE THE \_\_\_\_\_" and shall be entitled: "IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_, RESPONDENT."

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78.

**RL 2.06 Complaint.** A complaint may be made on information and belief and shall contain:

**(1)** The name and address of the licensee complained against and the name and address of the complainant;

**(2)** A short statement in plain language of the cause for disciplinary action identifying with reasonable particularity the transaction, occurrence or event out of which the cause arises and specifying the statute, rule or other standard alleged to have been violated;

**(3)** A request in essentially the following form: "Wherefore, the complainant demands that the disciplinary authority hear evidence relevant to matters alleged in this complaint, determine and impose the discipline warranted, and assess the costs of the proceeding against the respondent;" and,

**(4)** The signature of the complainant.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (intro.), (3) and (4), Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.07 Notice of hearing.** **(1)** A notice of hearing shall be sent to the respondent at least 10 days prior to the hearing, unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case shorter notice may be given, but in no case may the notice be provided less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

**(2)** A notice of hearing to the respondent shall be substantially in the form shown in Appendix I and signed by a disciplinary authority member or an attorney in the division.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (2) (intro.), Register, February, 1979, No. 278, eff. 3-1-79; r. and recr. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.08 Service and filing of complaint, notice of hearing and other papers.** **(1)** The complaint, notice of hearing, all orders and other papers required to be served on a respondent may be served by mailing a copy of the paper to the respondent at the last known address of the respondent or by any procedure described in s. 801.14(2), Stats. Service by mail is complete upon mailing.

**(2)** Any paper required to be filed with a disciplinary authority may be mailed to the disciplinary authority office or, if an administrative law judge has been designated to preside in the matter, to the administrative law judge and shall be deemed filed on receipt at the disciplinary authority office or by the administrative law judge. An answer under s. RL 2.09, and motions under s. RL 2.15 may be filed and served by facsimile transmission. A document filed by facsimile transmission under this section shall also be mailed to the disciplinary authority. An answer or motion filed by facsimile transmission shall be deemed filed on the first business day after receipt by the disciplinary authority.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (2), Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.09 Answer.** **(1)** An answer to a complaint shall state in short and plain terms the defenses to each cause asserted and shall admit or deny the allegations upon which the complainant relies. If the respondent is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation, the respondent shall so state and this has the effect of a denial. Denials shall fairly meet the substance of the allegations denied. The respondent shall make denials as specific denials of designated allegations or paragraphs but if the respondent intends in good faith to deny only a part or a qualification of an allegation, the respondent shall specify so much of it as true and material and shall deny only the remainder.

**(2)** The respondent shall set forth affirmatively in the answer any matter constituting an affirmative defense.

**(3)** Allegations in a complaint are admitted when not denied in the answer.

**(4)** An answer to a complaint shall be filed within 20 days from the date of service of the complaint.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (4), Register, February, 1979, No. 278, eff. 3-1-79; am. (1), (3) and (4), Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.10 Administrative law judge.** **(1) DESIGNATION.** Disciplinary hearings shall be presided over by an administrative law judge employed by the department unless the disciplinary authority designates otherwise. The administrative law judge shall be an attorney in the department designated by the department general counsel, an employee borrowed from another agency pursuant to s. 20.901, Stats., or a person employed as a special project or limited term employee by the department, except that the administrative law judge may not be an employee in the division.

**(2) AUTHORITY.** An administrative law judge designated under this section to preside over any disciplinary proceeding has the authority described in s. 227.46 (1), Stats. Unless otherwise directed by a disciplinary authority pursuant to s. 227.46 (3), Stats., an administrative law judge presiding over a disciplinary proceeding shall prepare a proposed decision, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, order and opinion, in a form that may be adopted as the final decision in the case.

**(3) SERVICE OF PROPOSED DECISION.** Unless otherwise directed by a disciplinary authority, the proposed decision shall be served by the administrative law judge on all parties with a notice providing each party adversely affected by the proposed decision with an opportunity to file with the disciplinary authority objections and written argument with respect to the objections. A party adversely affected by a proposed decision shall have at least 10 days from the date of service of the proposed decision to file objections and argument.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; r. and recr. (1), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; correction in (2) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, May, 1988, No. 389; am. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.11 Prehearing conference.** In any matter pending before the disciplinary authority the complainant and the respondent, or their attorneys, may be directed by the disciplinary authority or administrative law judge to appear at a conference or to participate in a telephone conference to consider the simplification

tion of issues, the necessity or desirability of amendments to the pleadings, the admission of facts or documents which will avoid unnecessary proof and such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the matter.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 1992.

**RL 2.12 Settlements.** No stipulation or settlement agreement disposing of a complaint or informal complaint shall be effective or binding in any respect until reduced to writing, signed by the respondent and approved by the disciplinary authority.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.13 Discovery.** The person prosecuting the complaint and the respondent may, prior to the date set for hearing, obtain discovery by use of the methods described in ch. 804, Stats., for the purposes set forth therein. Protective orders, including orders to terminate or limit examinations, orders compelling discovery, sanctions provided in s. 804.12, Stats. or other remedies as are appropriate for failure to comply with such orders may be made by the presiding officer.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78.

**RL 2.14 Default.** If the respondent fails to answer as required by s. RL 2.09 or fails to appear at the hearing at the time fixed therefor, the respondent is in default and the disciplinary authority may make findings and enter an order on the basis of the complaint and other evidence. The disciplinary authority may, for good cause, relieve the respondent from the effect of such findings and permit the respondent to answer and defend at any time before the disciplinary authority enters an order or within a reasonable time thereafter.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.15 Conduct of hearing. (1) PRESIDING OFFICER.** The hearing shall be presided over by a member of the disciplinary authority or an administrative law judge designated pursuant to s. RL 2.10.

**(2) RECORD.** A stenographic, electronic or other record shall be made of all hearings in which the testimony of witnesses is offered as evidence.

**(3) EVIDENCE.** The complainant and the respondent shall have the right to appear in person or by counsel, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce evidence into the record.

**(4) BRIEFS.** The presiding officer may require the filing of briefs.

**(5) MOTIONS.** All motions, except those made at hearing, shall be in writing, filed with the presiding officer and a copy served upon the opposing party not later than 5 days before the time specified for hearing the motion.

**(6) ADJOURNMENTS.** The presiding officer may, for good cause, grant continuances, adjournments and extensions of time.

**(7) SUBPOENAS.** (a) Subpoenas for the attendance of any witness at a hearing in the proceeding may be issued in accordance with s. 885.01, Stats. Service shall be made in the manner provided in s. 805.07(5), Stats. A subpoena may command the person to whom it is directed to produce the books, papers, documents, or tangible things designated therein.

(b) A presiding officer may issue protective orders according to the provision the provisions of s. 805.07, Stats.

**(8) LOCATION OF HEARING.** All hearings shall be held at the offices of the department of regulation and licensing in Madison unless the presiding officer determines that the health or safety of a witness or of a party or an emergency requires that a hearing be held elsewhere.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (1), (5) and (6), cr. (8), Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.16 Witness fees and costs.** Witnesses subpoenaed at the request of the division or the disciplinary authority shall be entitled to compensation from the state for attendance and travel as provided in ch. 885, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**RL 2.17 Transcription fees. (1)** The fee charged for a transcript of a proceeding under this chapter shall be computed by the person or reporting service preparing the transcript on the following basis:

(a) If the transcript is prepared by a reporting service, the fee charged for an original transcription and for copies shall be the amount identified in the state operational purchasing bulletin which identifies the reporting service and its fees.

(b) If a transcript is prepared by the department, the department shall charge a transcription fee of \$1.75 per page and a copying charge of \$.25 per page. If 2 or more persons request a transcript, the department shall charge each requester a copying fee of \$.25 per page, but may divide the transcript fee equitably among the requesters. If the department has prepared a written transcript for its own use prior to the time a request is made, the department shall assume the transcription fee, but shall charge a copying fee of \$.25 per page.

**(2)** A person who is without means and who requires a transcript for appeal or other reasonable purposes shall be furnished with a transcript without charge upon the filing of a petition of indigency signed under oath.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (1) Register, May, 1982, No. 317, eff. 6-1-82; r. and recr. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92; am. (1) (b), Register, August, 1993, No. 452, eff. 9-1-93.

**RL 2.18 Assessment of costs. (1)** The proposed decision of an administrative law judge following hearing shall include a recommendation whether all or part of the costs of the proceeding shall be assessed against the respondent.

**(2)** If a respondent objects to the recommendation of an administrative law judge that costs be assessed, objections to the assessment of costs shall be filed, along with any other objections to the proposed decision, within the time established for filing of objections.

**(3)** The disciplinary authority's final decision and order imposing discipline in a disciplinary proceeding shall include a determination whether all or part of the costs of the proceeding shall be assessed against the respondent.

**(4)** When costs are imposed, the division and the administrative law judge shall file supporting affidavits showing costs incurred within 15 days of the date of the final decision and order. The respondent shall file any objection to the affidavits within 30 days of the date of the final decision and order. The disciplinary authority shall review any objections, along with the affidavits, and affirm or modify its order without a hearing.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7-1-92.

**Chapter RL 2**  
**APPENDIX I**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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**THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**

To each person named above as a respondent:

You are hereby notified that disciplinary proceedings have been commenced against you before the ( #1 ). The Complaint, which is attached to this Notice, states the nature and basis of the proceeding. This proceeding may result in disciplinary action taken against you by the ( #2 ). This proceeding is a class 2 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01 (3)(b), Wis. Stats.

Within 20 days from the date of service of the complaint, you must respond with a written Answer to the allegations of the Complaint. You may have an attorney help or represent you. The Answer shall follow the general rules of pleading contained in s. RL 2.09. If you do not provide a proper Answer within 20 days, **you** will be found to be in default, and a default judgment may be entered against you on the basis of the complaint and other evidence and the ( #3 ) may take disciplinary action against you and impose the costs of the investigation, prosecution and decision of this matter upon you without further notice or hearing.

The original of your Answer should be filed with the Administrative Law Judge who has been designated to preside over this matter pursuant to s. RL 2.10, who is:

( #4 )  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Office of Board Legal Services  
P. O. Box 8935  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

You should also file a copy of your Answer with the complainant's attorney, who is:

( #5 )  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P. O. Box 8935  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

A hearing on the matters contained in the Complaint will be held at the time and location indicated below:

**Hearing Date, Time and Location**

Date: ( #6 )  
Time: ( #7 )  
Location: Room( #8 )  
1400 East Washington Ave  
Madison, Wisconsin

or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The questions to be determined at this hearing are whether the license previously issued to you should be revoked or suspended, whether such license should be limited, whether you should be reprimanded, whether, if authorized by law, a forfeiture should be imposed, or whether any other discipline should be imposed on you. You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. The legal authority and procedures under which the hearing is to be held is set forth in s. 227.44, Stats., s. ( #9 ), Stats., ch. RL 2, and s. ( #10 ).

If you do not appear for hearing at the time and location set forth above, you will be found to be in default, and a default judgment may be entered against you on the basis of the complaint and other evidence and the ( #11 ) may take disciplinary action against you and impose the costs of the investigation, prosecution and decision of this matter upon you without further notice or hearing.

If you choose to be represented by an attorney in this proceeding, the attorney is requested to file a Notice of Appearance with the disciplinary authority and the Administrative Law Judge within 20 days of your receiving this Notice.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this \_\_\_\_\_ day of, \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Licensing Authority Member or Attorney  
( #12 )

**INSERTIONS**

1. Disciplinary authority
2. Disciplinary authority
3. Disciplinary authority
4. Administrative Law Judge
5. Complainant's attorney
6. Date of hearing
7. Time of hearing
8. Location of hearing
9. Legal authority (statute)
10. Legal authority (administrative code)
11. Disciplinary authority
12. Address and telephone number of person signing the complaint

## Chapter RL 3

## ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTIONS

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**RL 3.01 Authority.** The rules inch. RL 3 are adopted pursuant to authority in ss. 440.03 (1) and 440.21, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.02 Scope; kinds of proceedings.** The rules in this chapter govern procedures in public hearings before the department to determine and make findings as to whether a person has engaged in a practice or used a title without a credential required under chs. 440 to 459, Stats., and for issuance of an administrative injunction.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) "Administrative injunction" means a special order enjoining a person from the continuation of a practice or use of a title without a credential required under chs. 440 to 459, Stats.

(2) "Credential" means a license, permit, or certificate of certification or registration that is issued under chs. 440 to 459, Stats.

(3) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

(4) "Division" means the division of enforcement in the department.

(5) "Petition" means a document which meets the requirements of s. RL 3.05.

(6) "Respondent" means the person against whom an administrative injunction proceeding has been commenced and who is named as respondent in a petition.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.04 Pleadings to be captioned.** All pleadings, notices, orders, and other papers filed in an administrative injunction proceeding shall be captioned: "BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING" and shall be entitled: "IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION INVOLVING \_\_\_\_\_, RESPONDENT."

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.05 Petition for administrative injunction.** A petition for an administrative injunction shall allege that a person has engaged in a practice or used a title without a credential required under chs. 440 to 459, Stats. A petition may be made on information and belief and shall contain:

(1) The name and address of the respondent and the name and address of the attorney in the division who is prosecuting the petition for the division;

(2) A short statement in plain language of the basis for the division's belief that the respondent has engaged in a practice or used a title without a credential required under chs. 440 to 459, Stats., and specifying the statute or rule alleged to have been violated;

(3) A request in essentially the following form: "Wherefore, the division demands that a public hearing be held and that the de-

partment issue a special order enjoining the person from the continuation of the practice or use of the title;" and,

(4) The signature of an attorney authorized by the division to sign the petition.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.06 Notice of hearing.** (1) notice of hearing shall be sent to the respondent by the division at least 10 days prior to the hearing, except in the case of an emergency in which shorter notice may be given, but in no case may the notice be provided less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

(2) A notice of hearing to the respondent shall be essentially in the form shown in Appendix I and signed by an attorney in the division.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.07 Service and filing of petition, notice of hearing and other papers.** (1) The petition, notice of hearing, all orders and other papers required to be served on a respondent may be served by mailing a copy of the paper to the respondent at the last known address of the respondent or by any procedure described in s. 801.14 (2), Stats. Service by mail is complete upon mailing.

(2) Any paper required to be filed with the department may be mailed to the administrative law judge designated to preside in the matter and shall be deemed filed on receipt by the administrative law judge. An answer under s. RL 3.08, and motions under s. RL 3.14 may be filed and served by facsimile transmission. A document filed by facsimile transmission under this section shall also be mailed to the department. An answer or motion filed by facsimile transmission shall be deemed filed on the first business day after receipt by the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.08 Answer.** (1) An answer to a petition shall state in short and plain terms the defenses to each allegation asserted and shall admit or deny the allegations upon which the division relies. If the respondent is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation, the respondent shall so state and this has the effect of a denial. Denials shall fairly meet the substance of the allegations denied. The respondent shall make denials as specific denials of designated allegations or paragraphs but if the respondent intends in good faith to deny only a part or to provide a qualification of an allegation, the respondent shall specify so much of it as true and material and shall deny only the remainder.

(2) The respondent shall set forth affirmatively in the answer any matter constituting an affirmative defense.

(3) Allegations in a petition are admitted when not denied in the answer.

(4) An answer to a petition shall be filed within 20 days from the date of service of the petition.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.



**RL 3.09 Administrative law judge. (1) DESIGNATION.** Administrative injunction proceedings shall be presided over by an administrative law judge. The administrative law judge shall be an attorney in the department designated by the department general counsel, an employee borrowed from another agency pursuant to s. 20.901, Stats., or a person employed as a special project or limited term employee by the department. The administrative law judge may not be an employee in the division.

**(2) AUTHORITY.** An administrative law judge designated under this section has the authority described in s. 227.46 (1), Stats. Unless otherwise directed under s. 227.46 (3), Stats., an administrative law judge shall prepare a proposed decision, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, order and opinion, in a form that may be adopted by the department as the final decision in the case.

**(3) SERVICE OF PROPOSED DECISION.** The proposed decision shall be served by the administrative law judge on all parties with a notice providing each party adversely affected by the proposed decision with an opportunity to file with the department objections and written argument with respect to the objections. A party adversely affected by a proposed decision shall have at least 10 days from the date of service of the proposed decision to file objections and argument.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.10 Prehearing conference.** In any matter pending before the department, the division and the respondent may be directed by the administrative law judge to appear at a conference or to participate in a telephone conference to consider the simplification of issues, the necessity or desirability of amendments to the pleading, the admission of facts or documents which will avoid unnecessary proof and such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the matter.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.11 Settlements.** No stipulation or settlement agreement disposing of a petition or informal petition shall be effective or binding in any respect until reduced to writing, signed by the respondent and approved by the department.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.12 Discovery.** The division and the respondent may, prior to the date set for hearing, obtain discovery by use of the methods described in ch. 804, Stats., for the purposes set forth therein. Protective orders, including orders to terminate or limit examinations, orders compelling discovery, sanctions provided in s. 804.12, Stats., or other remedies as are appropriate for failure to comply with such orders may be made by the administrative law judge.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.13 Default.** If the respondent fails to answer as required by s. RL 3.08 or fails to appear at the hearing at the time fixed therefor, the respondent is in default and the department may make findings and enter an order on the basis of the petition and other evidence. The department may, for good cause, relieve the respondent from the effect of the findings and permit the respondent to answer and defend at any time before the department enters an order or within a reasonable time thereafter.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.14 Conduct of hearing. (1) ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE.** The hearing shall be presided over by an administrative law judge designated pursuant to s. RL 3.09.

**(2) RECORD.** A stenographic, electronic or other record shall be made of all hearings in which the testimony of witnesses is offered as evidence.

**(3) EVIDENCE.** The division and the respondent shall have the right to appear in person or by counsel, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce evidence into the record.

**(4) BRIEFS.** The administrative law judge may require the filing of briefs.

**(5) MOTIONS.** (a) *How made.* An application to the administrative law judge for an order shall be by motion which, unless made during a hearing or prehearing conference, shall be in writing, state with particularity the grounds for the order, and set forth the relief or order sought.

(b) *Filing.* A motion shall be filed with the administrative law judge and a copy served upon the opposing party not later than 5 days before the time specified for hearing the motion.

(c) *Supporting papers.* Any briefs or other papers in support of a motion, including affidavits and documentary evidence, shall be filed with the motion.

**(6) ADJOURNMENTS.** The administrative law judge may, for good cause, grant continuances, adjournments and extensions of time.

**(7) SUBPOENAS.** (a) Subpoenas for the attendance of any witness at a hearing in the proceeding may be issued in accordance with s. 885.01, Stats. Service shall be made in the manner provided in s. 805.07 (5), Stats. A subpoena may command the person to whom it is directed to produce the books, papers, documents, or tangible things designated therein.

(b) An administrative law judge may issue protective orders according to the provisions of s. 805.07, Stats.

**(8) LOCATION OF HEARING.** All hearings shall be held at the offices of the department in Madison unless the administrative law judge determines that the health or safety of a witness or of a party or an emergency requires that a hearing be held elsewhere.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.15 Witness fees and costs.** Witnesses subpoenaed at the request of the division shall be entitled to compensation from the state for attendance and travel as provided in ch. 885, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

**RL 3.16 Transcription fees. (1)** The fee charged for a transcript of a proceeding under this chapter shall be computed by the person or reporting service preparing the transcript on the following basis:

(a) If the transcript is prepared by a reporting service, the fee charged for an original transcription and for copies shall be the amount identified in the state operational purchasing bulletin which identifies the reporting service and its fees.

Note: The State Operational Purchasing Bulletin may be obtained from the Department of Administration, State Bureau of Procurement, 101 E. Wilson Street, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 7867, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7867.

(b) If a transcript is prepared by the department, the department shall charge a transcription fee of \$1.75 per page and a copying charge of \$.25 per page. If 2 or more persons request a transcript, the department shall charge each requester a copying fee of \$.25 per page, but may divide the transcript fee equitably among the requesters. If the department has prepared a written transcript for its own use prior to the time a request is made, the department shall assume the transcription fee, but shall charge a copying fee of \$.25 per page.

**(2)** A person who is without means and who requires a transcript for appeal or other reasonable purposes shall be furnished with a transcript without charge upon the filing of an affidavit showing that the person is indigent according to the standards adopted in rules of the state public defender under ch. 977, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93.

## Chapter RL 3

### APPENDIX I

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND  
LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION :  
FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE; NOTICE OF  
INJUNCTION INVOLVING : HEARING

(#1):  
Respondent

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: (#2)

You are hereby notified that a proceeding for an administrative injunction has been commenced against you by the Department of Regulation and Licensing. The petition attached to this Notice states the nature and basis of the proceeding. This proceeding may result in a special order against you under s. 440.21, Stats., enjoining you from the continuation of a practice or use of a title.

#### A HEARING ON THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE PETITION WILL BE HELD AT:

**Date: (#3) Time: (#4)**  
**Location: Room (#5),**  
**1400 East Washington Avenue**  
**Madison, Wisconsin**

#### or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

The questions to be determined at this hearing are whether (#6).

Within 20 days from the date of service of the Notice, you must respond with a written Answer to the allegations of the Petition. You may have an attorney help or represent you. Your Answer must follow the rules of pleading in s. RL 3.08 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. File your Answer with the Administrative Law Judge for this matter who is:

(#7), Department of Regulation and Licensing, Office  
of Board Legal Services,  
P.O. Box 8935,  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Please file a copy of your answer with the division's attorney, who is:

(#8), Division of Enforcement,  
Department of Regulation and Licensing,  
P.O. Box 8935,  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

If you do not provide a proper Answer within 20 days or do not appear for the hearing, you will be found to be in default and a special order may be entered against you enjoining you ~~from~~ the continuation of a practice or use of a title. If a special order is issued as a result of this proceeding and thereafter you violate the special order, you may be required to forfeit not more than \$10,000 for each offense.

You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. This proceeding is a class 2 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01 (3) (b), Stats. If you choose to be represented by an attorney in this proceeding, the attorney is requested to file a Notice of Appearance with the Administrative Law Judge and the division within 20 days after you receive this Notice.

The legal authority and procedures under which the hearing is to be held are set forth in ss. 227.21, 440.44, (#9), Stats., and ch. RL 3, Wis. Admin. Code.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(...#10...), Attorney

#### INSERTIONS

1. Respondent
2. Respondent with address
3. Date of hearing
4. Time of hearing
5. Place of hearing
6. Issues for hearing
7. Administrative Law Judge
8. Division of Enforcement attorney
9. Legal authority (statute)
10. Division of Enforcement attorney

## Chapter RL 4

DEPARTMENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND  
APPLICATION FEE POLICIES

RL 4.01 Authorization.  
 RL 4.02 Definitions.  
 RL 4.03 Time for review and determination of credential applications.

RL 4.04 Fees for examinations, reexaminations and proctoring examinations.  
 RL 4.05 Fee for test review.  
 RL 4.06 Refunds.

**RL 4.01 Authorization.** The following rules are adopted by the department of regulation and licensing pursuant to ss. 440.05, 440.06 and 440.07, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; **am.** Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 4.02 Definitions.** (1) "Applicant" means a person who applies for a license, permit, certificate or registration granted by the department or a board.

(2) "Authority" means the department or the attached examining board or board having authority to grant the credential for which an application has been filed.

(3) "Board" means the board of nursing and any examining board attached to the department.

(4) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

(5) "Examination" means the written and practical tests required of an applicant by the authority.

(6) "Service provider" means a party other than the department or board who provides examination services such as application processing, examination products or administration of examinations.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; **renum.** (1) to (4) to be (4), (3), (1), (5) and **am.** (5), **cr.** (2) and (6), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 4.03 Time for review and determination of credential applications.** (1) **TIME LIMITS.** An authority shall review and make a determination on an original application for a credential within 60 business days after a completed application is received by the authority unless a different period for review and determination is specified by law.

(2) **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS.** An application is completed when all materials necessary to make a determination on the application and all materials requested by the authority have been received by the authority.

(3) **EFFECT OF DELAY.** A delay by an authority in making a determination on an application within the time period specified in this section shall be reported to the permit information center under s. 227.16, Stats. Delay by an authority in making a determination on an application within the time period specified in this section does not relieve any person from the obligation to secure approval from the authority nor affect in any way the authority's responsibility to interpret requirements for approval and to grant or deny approval.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9-1-92; **renum.** from RL 4.06 and **am.**, Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 4.04 Fees for examinations, reexaminations and proctoring examinations.** (1) **EXAMINATION FEE SCHEDULE.** A list of all current examination fees may be obtained at no charge from the Office of Examinations, Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

(3) **EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURES FOR SETTING EXAMINATION FEES.** (a) Fees for examinations shall be established under s. 440.05 (1) (b), Stats., at the department's best estimate of the

actual cost of preparing, administering and grading the examination or obtaining and administering an approved examination from a service provider.

(b) Examinations shall be obtained from a service provider through competitive procurement procedures described in ch. Adm 7.

(c) Fees for examination services provided by the department shall be established based on an estimate of the actual cost of the examination services. Computation of fees for examination services provided by the department shall include standard component amounts for contract administration services, test development services and written and practical test administration services.

(d) Examination fees shall be changed as needed to reflect changes in the actual costs to the department. Changes to fees shall be implemented according to par. (e).

(e) Examination fees shall be effective for examinations held 45 days or more after the date of publication of a notice in application forms. Applicants who have submitted fees in an amount less than that in the most current application form shall pay the correct amount prior to administration of the examination. Overpayments shall be refunded by the department. Initial credential fees shall become effective on the date specified by law.

(4) **REEXAMINATION OF PREVIOUSLY LICENSED INDIVIDUALS.** Fees for examinations ordered as part of a disciplinary proceeding or late renewal under s. 440.08 (3) (b), Stats., are equal to the fee set for reexamination in the most recent examination application form, plus \$10 application processing.

(5) **PROCTORING EXAMINATIONS FOR OTHER STATES.** (a) Examinations administered by an authority of the state may be proctored for persons applying for credentials in another state if the person has been determined eligible in the other state and meets this state's application deadlines. Examinations not administered by an authority of the state may only be proctored for Wisconsin residents or licensees applying for credentials in another state.

(b) Department fees for proctoring examinations of persons who are applying for a credential in another state are equal to the cost of administering the examination to those persons, plus any additional cost charged to the department by the service provider.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; **r.** and **recr.** Register, May, 1986, No. 365, eff. 6-1-86; **am.** Register, December, 1986, No. 372, eff. 1-1-87; **am.** Register, September, 1987, No. 381, eff. 10-1-87; **am.** (3), Register, September, 1988, No. 393, eff. 10-1-88; **am.** (3), Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10-1-90; **r.** and **recr.** (1) to (3), **cr.** (4), **renum.** Figure and **am.** Register, April, 1992, No. 436, eff. 5-1-92; **am.** (4) Figure, **cr.** (5), Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93; **r.** and **recr.** Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 12-1-93; **r.** (2), **am.** (3) (a), (b), (c), (e), (4), (5), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 4.05 Fee for test review.** (1) The fee for supervised review of examination results by a failing applicant which is conducted by the department is \$28.

(2) The fee for review of examination results by a service provider is the fee established by the service provider.

**History:** Cr. Register, April, 1992, No. 436, eff. 5-1-92; **am.** Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 4.06 Refunds. (1)** A refund of all but \$10 of the applicant's examination fee and initial credential fee submitted to the department shall be granted if any of the following occurs:

(a) An applicant is found to be unqualified for an examination administered by the authority.

(b) An applicant is found to be unqualified for a credential for which no examination is required.

(c) An applicant withdraws an application by written notice to the authority at least 10 days in advance of any scheduled examination.

(d) An applicant who fails to take an examination administered by the authority either provides written notice at least 10 days in advance of the examination date that the applicant is unable to take the examination, or if written notice was not provided, submits a written explanation satisfactory to the authority that the applicant's failure to take the examination resulted from extreme personal hardship.

(2) An applicant eligible for a refund may forfeit the refund and choose instead to take an examination administered by the authority within 18 months of the originally scheduled examination at no added fee.

(3) An applicant who misses an examination as a result of being called to active military duty shall receive a full refund. The applicant requesting the refund shall supply a copy of the call up orders or a letter from the commanding officer attesting to the call up.

(4) Applicants who pay fees to service providers other than the department are subject to the refund policy established by the service provider.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (2) (intro.). Register, May, 1986, No. 365, eff. 6-1-86; am. (1) and (2) (intro.). renum. (2) (c) and (3) to be (3) and (4), cr. (5), Register, September, 1987, No. 381, eff. 10-1-87; r. and recr. (1) and (4), Register, April, 1992, No. 436, eff. 5-1-92; r. (2), renum. (3) to (5) to be (2) to (4), Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8-1-93; renum. from RL 4.03 and am., Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

## Chapter RL 6

## SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS

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**RL 6.01 Authority and intent.** (1) This chapter is adopted pursuant to authority in ss. 227.11 (2) (a) and 440.03 (1), Stats., and interprets s. 227.51 (3), Stats.

(2) The intent of the department in creating this chapter is to specify uniform procedures for summary suspension of licenses, permits, certificates or registrations issued by the department or any board attached to the department in circumstances where the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.02 Scope.** This chapter governs procedures in all summary suspension proceedings against licensees before the department or any board attached to the department. To the extent that this chapter is not in conflict with s. 448.02 (4), Stats., the chapter shall also apply in proceedings brought under that section.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) **Board** means the bingo control board, real estate board or any examining board attached to the department.

(2) **“Department”** means the department of regulation and licensing.

(3) **“Disciplinary proceeding”** means a proceeding against one or more licensees in which a licensing authority may determine to revoke or suspend a license, to reprimand a licensee, or to limit a license.

(4) **“License”** means any license, permit, certificate, or registration granted by a board or the department or a right to renew a license, permit, certificate or registration granted by a board or the department.

(5) **“Licensee”** means a person, partnership, corporation or association holding any license.

(6) **“Licensing authority”** means the bingo control board, real estate board or any examining board attached to the department, the department for licenses granted by the department, or one acting under a board’s or the department’s delegation under s. RL 6.11.

(7) **“Petitioner”** means the division of enforcement in the department.

(8) **“Respondent”** means a licensee who is named as respondent in a petition for summary suspension.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.04 Petition for summary suspension.** (1) A petition for a summary suspension shall state the name and position of the person representing the petitioner, the address of the petitioner, the name and licensure status of the respondent, and an assertion of the facts establishing that the respondent has engaged in or is likely to engage in conduct such that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency suspension of the respondent’s license.

(2) A petition for a summary suspension order shall be signed upon oath by the person representing the petitioner and may be made on information and belief.

(3) The petition shall be presented to the appropriate licensing authority.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.05 Notice of petition to respondent.** Prior to the presenting of the petition, the petitioner shall give notice to the respondent or respondent’s attorney of the time and place when the petition will be presented to the licensing authority. Notice may be given by mailing a copy of the petition and notice to the last-known address of the respondent as indicated in the records of the licensing authority as provided in s. 440.11 (2), Stats. as created by 1987 Wis. Act 27. Notice by mail is complete upon mailing. Notice may also be given by any procedure described in s. 801.11, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.06 Issuance of summary suspension order.** (1) If the licensing authority finds that notice has been given under s. RL 6.05 and finds probable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in or is likely to engage in conduct such that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency suspension of the respondent’s license, the licensing authority may issue an order for summary suspension. The order may be issued at any time prior to or subsequent to the commencement of a disciplinary proceeding under s. RL 2.04.

(2) The petitioner may establish probable cause under sub. (1) by affidavit or other evidence.

(3) The summary suspension order shall be effective upon service under s. RL 6.08, or upon actual notice of the summary suspension order to the respondent or respondent’s attorney, whichever is sooner, and continue through the effective date of the final decision and order made in the disciplinary proceeding against the respondent, unless the license is restored under s. RL 6.09 prior to a formal disciplinary hearing.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.07 Contents of summary suspension order.** The summary suspension order shall include the following:

(1) A statement that the suspension order is in effect and continues until the effective date of a final order and decision in the disciplinary proceeding against the respondent, unless otherwise ordered by the licensing authority;

(2) Notification of the respondent’s right to request a hearing to show cause why the summary suspension order should not be continued;

(3) The name and address of the licensing authority with whom a request for hearing should be filed;

(4) Notification that the hearing to show cause shall be scheduled for hearing on a date within 20 days of receipt by the licensing authority of respondent’s request for hearing, unless a later time is requested by or agreed to by the respondent;

(5) The identification of all witnesses providing evidence at the time the petition for summary suspension was presented and identification of the evidence used as a basis for the decision to issue the summary suspension order;

(6) The manner in which the respondent or the respondent's attorney was notified of the petition for summary suspension; and

(7) A finding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency suspension of the respondent's license.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.08 Service of summary suspension order.** An order of summary suspension shall be served upon the respondent in the manner provided in s. 801.11, Stats., for service of summons.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.09 Hearing to show cause.** (1) The respondent shall have the right to request a hearing to show cause why the summary suspension order should not be continued until the effective date of the final decision and order in the disciplinary action against the respondent.

(2) The request for hearing to show cause shall be filed with the licensing authority which issued the summary suspension order. The hearing shall be scheduled and heard promptly by the licensing authority but no later than 20 days after the filing of the request for hearing with the licensing authority, unless a later time is requested by or agreed to by the licensee.

(3) At the hearing to show cause the petitioner and the respondent may testify, call, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and offer other evidence.

(4) At the hearing to show cause the petitioner has the burden to show by a preponderance of the evidence why the summary suspension order should be continued.

(5) At the conclusion of the hearing to show cause the licensing authority shall make findings and an order. If it is determined that the summary suspension order should not be continued, the suspended license shall be immediately restored.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.10 Commencement of disciplinary proceeding.** (1) A notice of hearing commencing a disciplinary proceeding under s. RL 2.06 against the respondent shall be issued no later than 10 days following the issuance of the summary suspension order or the suspension shall lapse on the tenth day following issuance of the summary suspension order. The formal disciplinary proceeding shall be determined promptly.

(2) If at any time the disciplinary proceeding is not advancing with reasonable promptness, the respondent may make a motion to the hearing officer or may directly petition the appropriate board, or the department, for an order granting relief.

(3) If it is found that the disciplinary proceeding is not advancing with reasonable promptness, and the delay is not as a result of the conduct of respondent or respondent's counsel, a remedy, as would be just, shall be granted including:

(a) An order immediately terminating the summary suspension; or

(b) An order compelling that the disciplinary proceeding be held and determined by a specific date.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

**RL 6.11 Delegation.** (1) A board may by a two-thirds vote:

(a) Designate under s. 227.46 (1), Stats., a member of the board or an employee of the department to rule on a petition for summary suspension, to issue a summary suspension order, and to preside over and rule in a hearing provided for in s. RL 6.09; or

(b) Appoint a panel of no less than two-thirds of the membership of the board to rule on a petition for summary suspension, to issue a summary suspension order, and to preside over and rule in a hearing provided for in s. RL 6.09.

(2) In matters in which the department is the licensing authority, the department secretary or the secretary's designee shall rule on a petition for summary suspension, issue a summary suspension order, and preside over and rule in a hearing provided for in s. RL 6.09.

(3) Except as provided in s. 227.46 (3), Stats., a delegation of authority under subs. (1) and (2) may be continuing.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88.

## Chapter RL 7

## IMPAIRED PROFESSIONALS PROCEDURE

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**RL 7.01 Authority and intent. (1)** The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to authority in ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 51.30, 146.82, 227.11 and 440.03, Stats.

**(2)** The intent of the department in adopting rules in this chapter is to protect the public from credential holders who are impaired by reason of their abuse of alcohol or other drugs. This goal will be advanced by providing an option to the formal disciplinary process for qualified credential holders committed to their own recovery. This procedure is intended to apply when allegations are made that a credential holder has practiced a profession while impaired by alcohol or other drugs or when a credential holder contacts the department and requests to participate in the procedure. It is not intended to apply in situations where allegations exist that a credential holder has committed violations of law, other than practice while impaired by alcohol or other drugs, which are substantial. The procedure may then be utilized in selected cases to promote early identification of chemically dependent professionals and encourage their rehabilitation. Finally, the department's procedure does not seek to diminish the prosecution of serious violations but rather it attempts to address the problem of alcohol and other drug abuse within the enforcement jurisdiction of the department.

**(3)** In administering this program, the department intends to encourage board members to share professional expertise so that all boards in the department have access to a range of professional expertise to handle problems involving impaired professionals.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; ~~am.~~ (2), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 7.02 Definitions.** In this chapter:

**(1)** "Board" means any examining board or affiliated credentialing board attached to the department and the real estate board.

**(2)** "Board liaison" means the board member designated by the board as responsible for approving credential holders for the impaired professionals procedure under s. RL 7.03, for monitoring compliance with the requirements for participation under s. RL 7.04, and for performing other responsibilities delegated to the board liaison under these rules.

**(2a)** "Coordinator" means a department employee who coordinates the impaired professionals procedure.

**(2b)** "Credential holder" means a person holding any license, permit, certificate or registration granted by the department or any board.

**(3)** "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

**(4)** "Division" means the division of enforcement in the department.

**(5)** "Informal complaint" means any written information submitted by any person to the division, department or any board which requests that a disciplinary proceeding be commenced against a credential holder or which alleges facts, which if true, warrant discipline. "Informal complaint" includes requests for disciplinary proceedings under s. 440.20, Stats.

**(6)** "Medical review officer" means a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who is a licensed physician and who has knowledge of substance abuse disorders and has appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate an individual's confirmed positive test result together with an individual's medical history and any other relevant biomedical information.

**(7)** "Procedure" means the impaired professionals procedure.

**(8)** "Program" means any entity approved by the department to provide the full scope of drug testing services for the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; ~~am.~~ (1), (2), (5), cr. (2a), (2b), r. (6), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96; **cr. (6) and (8), Register, January, 2001, No. 541, eff. 2-1-01.**

**RL 7.03 Referral to and eligibility for the procedure.**

**(1)** All informal complaints involving allegations of impairment due to alcohol or chemical dependency shall be screened and investigated pursuant to s. RL 2.035. After investigation, informal complaints involving impairment may be referred to the procedure and considered for eligibility as an alternative to formal disciplinary proceedings under ch. RL 2.

**(2)** A credential holder who has been referred to the procedure and considered for eligibility shall be provided with an application for participation, a summary of the investigative results in the form of a draft statement of conduct to be used as a basis for the statement of conduct under s. RL 7.05 (1) (a), and a written explanation of the credential holder's options for resolution of the matter through participation in the procedure or through the formal disciplinary process pursuant to ch. RL 2.

**(3)** Eligibility for the procedure shall be determined by the board liaison and coordinator who shall review all relevant materials including investigative results and the credential holder's application for participation. Eligibility shall be determined upon criteria developed by each credentialing authority which shall include at a minimum the credential holder's past or pending criminal, disciplinary or malpractice record, the circumstances of the credential holder's referral to the department, the seriousness of other alleged violations and the credential holder's prognosis for recovery. The decision on eligibility shall be consistent with the purposes of these procedures as described in s. RL 7.01 (2). The board liaison shall have responsibility to make the determination of eligibility for the procedure.

**(4)** Prior to the signing of an agreement for participation the credential holder shall obtain a comprehensive assessment for chemical dependency from a treatment facility or individual therapist approved under s. RL 7.06. The credential holder shall arrange for the treatment facility or individual therapist to file a copy of its assessment with the board liaison or coordinator. The assessment shall include a statement describing the credential holder's prognosis for recovery. The board liaison and the credential holder may agree to waive this requirement.

**(5)** If a credential holder is determined to be ineligible for the procedure, the credential holder shall be referred to the division for prosecution.

(6) A credential holder determined to be ineligible for the procedure by the board liaison or the department may, within 10 days of notice of the determination, request the credentialing authority to review the adverse determination.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; am. (2) to (6), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 7.04 Requirements for participation. (1)** A credential holder who participates in the procedure shall:

- (a) Sign an agreement for participation under s. RL 7.05.
- (b) Remain free of alcohol, controlled substances, and prescription drugs, unless prescribed for a valid medical purpose.
- (c) Timely enroll and participate in a program for the treatment of chemical dependency conducted by a facility or individual therapist approved pursuant to s. RL 7.06.
- (d) Comply with any treatment recommendations and work restrictions or conditions deemed necessary by the board liaison or department.
- (e) Submit random monitored blood or urine samples for the purpose of screening for alcohol or controlled substances provided by a drug testing program approved by the department under s. RL 7.11, as required.
- (f) Execute releases valid under state and federal law in the form shown in Appendix I to allow access to the credential holder's counseling, treatment and monitoring records.
- (g) Have the credential holder's supervising therapist and work supervisors file quarterly reports with the coordinator.
- (h) Notify the coordinator of any changes in the credential holder's employer within 5 days.
- (i) File quarterly reports documenting the credential holder's attendance at meetings of self-help groups such as alcoholics anonymous or narcotics anonymous.

(2) If the board liaison or department determines, based on consultation with the person authorized to provide treatment to the credential holder or monitor the credential holder's enrollment or participation in the procedure, or monitor any drug screening requirements or restrictions on employment under sub. (1), that a credential holder participating in the procedure has failed to meet any of the requirements set under sub. (1), the board liaison may request that the board dismiss the credential holder from the procedure. The board shall review the complete record in making this determination. If the Credential holder is dismissed the matter shall be referred to the division.

(3) If a credential holder violates the agreement and the board does not dismiss and refer the credential holder to the division, then a new admission under s. RL 7.05 (1j) (a) shall be obtained for violations which are substantiated.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; am. Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96; am. (1) (e), Register, January, 2001, No. 541, eff. 2-1-01.

**RL 7.05 Agreement for participation. (1)** The agreement for participation in the procedure shall at a minimum include:

- (a) A statement describing conduct the credential holder agrees occurred relating to participation in the procedure and an agreement that the statement may be used as evidence in any disciplinary proceeding under ch. RL 2.
- (b) An acknowledgement by the credential holder of the need for treatment for chemical dependency;
- (c) An agreement to participate at the credential holder's expense in an approved treatment regimen.
- (d) An agreement to submit to random monitored drug screens provided by a drug testing program approved by the department under s. RL 7.11 at the credential holder's expense, if deemed necessary by the board liaison.

(e) An agreement to submit to practice restrictions at any time during the treatment regimen as deemed necessary by the board liaison.

(f) An agreement to furnish the coordinator with signed consents for release of information from treatment providers and employers authorizing the release of information to the coordinator and board liaison for the purpose of monitoring the credential holder's participation in the procedure.

(g) An agreement to authorize the board liaison or coordinator to release information described in pars. (a), (c) and (e), the fact that a credential holder has been dismissed under s. RL 7.07 (3) (a) or violated terms of the agreement in s. RL 7.04 (1) (b) to (e) and (h) concerning the credential holder's participation in the procedure to the employer, therapist or treatment facility identified by the credential holder and an agreement to authorize the coordinator to release the results of random monitored drug screens under par. (d) to the therapist identified by the credential holder.

(h) An agreement to participate in the procedure for a period of time as established by the board.

(2) The board liaison may include additional requirements for an individual credential holder, if the circumstances of the informal complaint or the credential holder's condition warrant additional safeguards.

(3) The board or board liaison may include a promise of confidentiality that all or certain records shall remain closed and not available for public inspection and copying.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; am. (1) (a) to (g) and (2), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96; am. (1) (d), Register, January, 2001, No. 541, eff. 2-1-01.

**RL 7.06 Standards for approval of treatment facilities or individual therapists. (1)** The board or board liaison shall approve a treatment facility designated by a credential holder for the purpose of participation in the procedure if:

- (a) The facility is certified by appropriate national or state certification agencies.
- (b) The treatment program focus at the facility is on the individual with drug and alcohol abuse problems.
- (c) Facility treatment plans and protocols are available to the board liaison and coordinator.
- (d) The facility, through the credential holder's supervising therapist, agrees to file reports as required, including quarterly progress reports and immediate reports if a credential holder withdraws from therapy, relapses, or is believed to be in an unsafe condition to practice.

(2) As an alternative to participation by means of a treatment facility, a credential holder may designate an individual therapist for the purpose of participation in the procedure. The board liaison shall approve an individual therapist who:

- (a) Has credentials and experience determined by the board liaison to be in the credential holder's area of need.
- (b) Agrees to perform an appropriate assessment of the credential holder's therapeutic needs and to establish and implement a comprehensive treatment regimen for the credential holder.
- (c) Forwards copies of the therapist's treatment regimen and office protocols to the coordinator.
- (d) Agrees to file reports as required to the coordinator, including quarterly progress reports and immediate reports if a credential holder withdraws from therapy, relapses, or is believed to be in an unsafe condition to practice.

(3) If a board liaison does not approve a treatment facility or therapist as requested by the credential holder, the credential holder may, within 10 days of notice of the determination, request the board to review the board liaison's adverse determination.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; am. Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96; r. (1) (d) and (2) (d), renam. (1) (e) and (2) (e) to be (1) (d) and (2) (d) and am., Register, January, 2001, No. 541, eff. 2-1-01.



**RL 7.07 Intradepartmental referral.** (1) A credential holder who contacts the department and requests to participate in the procedure shall be referred to the board liaison and the coordinator for determination of acceptance into the procedure.

(2) The division may refer individuals named in informal complaints to the board liaison for acceptance into the procedure.

(3) The board liaison may refer cases involving the following to the division for investigation or prosecution:

(a) Credential holders participating in the procedure who are dismissed for failure to meet the requirements of their rehabilitation program or who otherwise engage in behavior which should be referred to prevent harm to the public.

(b) Credential holders who apply and who are determined to be ineligible for the procedure where the board liaison is in possession of information indicating a violation of law.

(c) Credential holders who do not complete an agreement for participation where the board liaison is in possession of information indicating a violation of law.

(d) Credential holders initially referred by the division to the board liaison who fail to complete an agreement for participation.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; am. (1), (3) (a) to (d), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 7.08 Records.** (1) **CUSTODIAN.** All records relating to the procedure including applications for participation, agreements for participation and reports of participation shall be maintained in the custody of the department secretary or the secretary's designee.

(2) **AVAILABILITY OF PROCEDURE RECORDS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.** Any requests to inspect procedure records shall be made to the custodian. The custodian shall evaluate each request on a case by case basis using the applicable law relating to open records and giving appropriate weight to relevant factors in order to determine whether public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in access to the records, including the reputational interests of the credential holder, the importance of confidentiality to the functional integrity of the procedure, the existence of any pledge of confidentiality, statutory or common law rules which accord a status of confidentiality to the records and the likelihood that release of the records will impede an investigation.

(3) **TREATMENT RECORDS.** Treatment records concerning individuals who are receiving or who at any time have received services for mental illness, developmental disabilities, alcoholism, or drug dependence which are maintained by the department, by county departments under s. 51.42 or 51.437, Stats., and their staffs and by treatment facilities are confidential under s. 51.30, Stats., and shall not be made available for public inspection.

(4) **PATIENT HEALTH CARE RECORDS.** Patient health care records are confidential under s. 146.82, Stats., and shall not be made available to the public without the informed consent of the patient or of a person authorized by the patient or as provided under s. 146.82 (2), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; am. (2), Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 7.09 Report.** The board liaison or coordinator shall report on the procedure to the board at least twice a year and if requested to do so by a board.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 3-1-91; am. Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 7.10 Applicability of procedures to direct licensing by the department.** This procedure may be used by the department in resolving complaints against persons licensed directly by the department if the department has authority to discipline the credential holder. In such cases, the department secretary shall have the authority and responsibility of the "board" as the

term is used in the procedure and shall designate an employee to perform the responsibilities of the "board liaison."

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1991, No. 431, eff. 2-1-91; am. Register, July, 1996, No. 487, eff. 8-1-96.

**RL 7.11 Approval of drug testing programs.** The department shall approve drug testing programs for use by credential holders who participate in drug and alcohol monitoring programs pursuant to agreements between the department or boards and credential holders, or pursuant to disciplinary orders. To be approved as a drug testing program for the department, programs shall satisfactorily meet all of the following standards in the areas of program administration, collection site administration, laboratory requirements and reporting requirements:

(1) Program administration requirements are:

(a) The program shall enroll Participants by setting up an account, establishing a method of payment and supplying pre-printed chain-of-custody forms.

(b) The program shall provide the participant with the address and phone number of the nearest collection sites and shall assist in locating a qualified collection site when traveling outside the local area.

(c) Random selection of days when participants shall provide specimens shall begin upon enrollment and the program shall notify designated department staff that selection has begun.

(d) The program shall maintain a nationwide 800 number or an internet website that is operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to inform participants of when to provide specimens.

(e) The program shall maintain and make available to the department through an internet website data that are updated on a daily basis verifying the date and time each participant was notified after random selection to provide a specimen, the date, time and location each specimen was collected, the results of drug screen and whether or not the participant complied as directed.

(f) The program shall maintain internal and external quality of test results and other services.

(g) The program shall maintain the confidentiality of participants in accordance with s. 146.82, Stats.

(h) The program shall inform participants of the total cost for each drug screen including the cost for program administration, collection, transportation, analysis, reporting and confirmation. Total cost shall not include the services of a medical review officer.

(i) The program shall immediately report to the department if the program, laboratory or any collection site fails to comply with this section. The department may remove a program from the approved list if the program fails to comply with this section.

(j) The program shall make available to the department experts to support a test result for 5 years after the test results are released to the department.

(k) The program shall not sell or otherwise transfer or transmit names and other personal identification information of the participants to other persons or entities without permission from the department. The program shall not solicit from participants presently or formerly in the monitoring program or otherwise contact participants except for purposes consistent with administering the program and only with permission from the department.

(l) The program and laboratory shall not disclose to the participant or the public the specific drugs tested.

(2) Collection site administration requirements are:

(a) The program shall locate, train and monitor collection sites for compliance with the U.S. department of transportation collection protocol under 49 CFR 40.

(b) The program shall require delivery of specimens to the laboratory within 24 hours of collection.

(3) Laboratory requirements are:

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(a) The program shall utilize a laboratory that is certified by the U.S. department of health and human services. substance abuse and mental health services administration under 49 CFR 40. If the laboratory has had adverse or corrective action, the department shall evaluate the laboratory's compliance on a case by case basis.

(b) The program shall utilize a laboratory capable of analyzing specimens for drugs specified by the department.

(c) Testing of specimens shall be initiated within 48 hours of pickup by courier.

(d) All positive drug screens shall be confirmed utilizing gas chromatography in combination with mass spectrometry, mass spectrometry, or another approved method.

(e) The laboratory shall allow department personnel to tour facilities where participant specimens are tested.

**(4)** The requirements for reporting of results are:

(a) The program shall provide results of each specimen to designated department personnel within 24 hours of processing.

(b) The program shall inform designated department personnel of confirmed positive test results on the same day the test results are confirmed or by the next business day **if** the results are confirmed after hours, on the weekend or on a state or federal holiday.

(c) The program shall fax, e-mail or electronically transmit laboratory copies of drug test results at the request of the department.

(d) The program shall provide a medical review officer upon request and at the expense of the participant, to review disputed positive test results.

(e) The program shall provide chain-of-custody transfer of disputed specimens to an approved independent laboratory for retesting at the request of the participant or the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 2001, No. 541, ~~eff.~~ 2-1-01.

## Chapter RL 7

## APPENDIX I

## CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, ( #1 ), hereby authorize ( #2 ) to provide the board liaison for the Department of Regulation and Licensing Impaired Professionals Procedure, P.O. Box **8935**, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or persons designated by the board liaison who are directly involved in administration of the procedure, with ( #3 ). I further authorize ( #4 ) to discuss with the board liaison or the board liaison's designee any matter relating to the records provided and to allow the board liaison or the board liaison's designee to examine and copy any records or information relating to me.

I hereby also authorize the board liaison or the board liaison's designee to provide ( #5 ) with copies of any information provided to the board liaison pursuant to this consent for release of information authorizing the release of information to the board liaison from those persons and institutions.

In the event of my dismissal from the Impaired Professionals Procedure, I hereby also authorize the board liaison or the board liaison's designee to provide the Division of Enforcement with the results of any investigation conducted in connection with my application to participate in the Impaired Professionals Procedure and with any documentation, including patient health care records, evidencing my failure to meet participation requirements.

This consent for release of information is being made for the purposes of monitoring my participation in the Impaired Professionals Procedure, and any subsequent procedures before the Wisconsin ( #6 ); and for the further purpose of permitting exchange of information between the board liaison or the board liaison's designee and persons or institutions involved in my participation in the Impaired Professionals Procedure where such exchange is necessary in the furtherance of my treatment or to provide information to the Division of Enforcement in the event of my dismissal from the Impaired Professionals Procedure.

Unless revoked earlier, this consent is effective until ( #7 ). I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time and that information obtained as a result of this consent may be used after

the above expiration date or revocation. A reproduced copy of this consent form shall be as valid as the original.

I understand that should I fail to execute this consent for release of information, I shall be ineligible to participate in the Impaired Professionals Procedure. I also understand that should I revoke this consent prior to completion of my participation in the Impaired Professionals Procedure, I will be subject to dismissal from the procedure.

I understand that the recipient of information provided pursuant to this Consent for Release of Information is not authorized to make any further disclosure of the information without my specific written consent, or except as otherwise permitted or required by law.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,

Signature of IPP Participant      Participant's Date of Birth

## INSERTIONS

1. Participant
2. Persons and institutions provided with releases for provision of information to the department
3. Examples:    Drug and alcohol treatment records  
                      Mental health/psychiatric treatment records  
                      Personnel records; work records  
                      Results of blood or urine screens
4. Persons or institutions given authorization
5. Persons or institutions given authorization in the first paragraph
6. Name of board
7. Date to which consent is effective

## Chapter RL 8

## ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS

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**RL 8.01 Authority and scope.** Rules in this chapter are adopted under the authority of s. 440.205, Stats., to establish uniform procedures for the issuance and use of administrative warnings.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

**RL 8.02 Definitions.** As used in s. 440.205, Stats., and in this chapter:

(1) "Credential" means a license, permit, or certificate of certification or registration that is issued under chs. 440 to 480, Stats.

(2) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

(3) "Disciplinary authority" means the department or an attached examining board, affiliated credentialing board or board having authority to reprimand a credential holder.

(4) "Division" means the division of enforcement in the department.

(5) "First occurrence" means any of the following:

(a) The credential holder has never been charged as a respondent in a formal complaint filed under ch. RL 2.

(b) Other than the matter pending before the disciplinary authority, no informal complaint alleging the same or similar misconduct has been filed with the department against the credential holder.

(c) The credential holder has not been disciplined by a disciplinary authority in Wisconsin or another jurisdiction.

(6) "Minor violation" means all of the following:

(a) No significant harm was caused by misconduct of the credential holder.

(b) Continued practice by the credential holder presents no immediate danger to the public.

(c) If prosecuted, the likely result of prosecution would be a reprimand or a limitation requiring the credential holder to obtain additional education.

(d) The complaint does not warrant use of prosecutorial resources.

(e) The credential holder has not previously received an administrative warning.

(7) "Misconduct" means a violation of a statute or rule related to the profession or other conduct for which discipline may be imposed under chs. 440 to 480, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

**RL 8.03 Findings before issuance of an administrative warning.** Before issuance of an administrative warning, a disciplinary authority shall make all of the following findings:

(1) That there is specific evidence of misconduct by the credential holder.

(2) That the misconduct is a first Occurrence for the credential holder.

(3) That the misconduct is a minor violation of a statute or rule related to the profession or other conduct for discipline may be imposed.

(4) That issuance of an administrative warning will adequately protect the public.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

**RL 8.04 Issuance of an administrative warning.** (1) An administrative warning shall be substantially in the form shown in Appendix I.

(2) An administrative warning may be issued to a credential holder by mailing the administrative warning to the last address provided by the credential holder to the department. Service by mail is complete on the date of mailing.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

**RL 8.05 Request for a review of an administrative warning.** A credential holder who has been issued an administrative warning may request the disciplinary authority to review the issuance of the administrative warning by filing a written request with the disciplinary authority within 20 days after the mailing of the administrative warning. The request shall be in writing and set forth:

(1) The credential holder's name and address.

(2) The reason for requesting a review.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

**RL 8.06 Procedures.** The procedures for an administrative warning review are:

(1) Within 45 calendar days of receipt of a request for review, the disciplinary authority shall notify the credential holder of the time and place of the review.

(2) No discovery is permitted. A credential holder may inspect records under s. 19.35, Stats., the public records law.

(3) The disciplinary authority or its designee shall preside over the review. The review shall be recorded by audiotape unless otherwise specified by the disciplinary authority.

(4) The disciplinary authority shall provide the credential holder with an opportunity to make a personal appearance before the disciplinary authority and present a statement. The disciplinary authority may request the division to appear and present a statement on issues raised by the credential holder. The disciplinary authority may establish a time limit for making a presentation. Unless otherwise determined by the disciplinary authority, the time for making a personal appearance shall be 20 minutes.

(5) If the credential holder fails to appear for a review, or withdraws the request for a review, the disciplinary authority may note the failure to appear in the minutes and leave the administrative warning in effect without further action.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

**RL 8.07 Transcription fees.** (1) The fee charged for a transcript of a review under this chapter shall be computed by the person or reporting service preparing the transcript on the following basis:

(a) If the transcript is prepared by a reporting service, the fee charged for an original transcription and for copies shall be the amount identified in the state operational purchasing bulletin which identifies the reporting service and its fees.

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(b) If a transcript is prepared by the department, the department shall charge a transcription fee of \$1.75 per page and a copying charge of \$.25 per page. If 2 or more persons request a transcript, the department shall charge each requester a copying fee of \$.25 per page, but may divide the transcript fee equitably among the requesters. If the department has prepared a written transcript for its own use prior to the time a request is made, the department shall

assume the transcription fee, but shall charge a copying fee of \$.25 per page.

**(2)** A person who is without means and who requires a transcript for appeal or other reasonable purposes shall be furnished with a transcript without charge upon the filing of a petition of indigence signed under oath.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

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[DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY]

ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING

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This administrative warning is issued by the (disciplinary authority) to {credentialholder} pursuant to s. 440.205, Stats. The {disciplinary authority} makes the following findings:

- 1) That there is evidence of professional misconduct by (credential holder), to wit:
- 2) That this misconduct is a first occurrence for {credentialholder}.
- 3) That this misconduct is a minor violation of {statute or rule}.
- 4) That issuance of this administrative warning will adequately protect the public and no further action is warranted.

Therefore, the (disciplinary authority) issues this administrative warning and hereby puts the {credentialholder} on notice that any subsequent violation may result in disciplinary action. The investigation of this matter is hereby closed.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized representative  
For {Disciplinary Authority}

**Right to Review**

You may obtain a review of this administrative warning by filing a written request with the {disciplinary authority} within 20 days of mailing of this warning. The review will offer the credential holder an opportunity to make a personal appearance before the {disciplinary authority}.

*The record that this administrative warning was issued is a public record.*

*The content of this warning is private and confidential.*

## Chapter RL 9

DENIAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATION BECAUSE  
APPLICANT IS LIABLE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

RL 9.01 Authority.  
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RL 9.04 Procedures for requesting the department of revenue to certify whether an applicant for renewal is liable for delinquent taxes.  
RL 9.05 Denial of renewal.

**RL 9.01 Authority.** The rules in ch. RL 9 are adopted under the authority in s. 440.03, Stats.

**History:** Emerg. cr. eff. 11-14-96; Cr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9-1-96.

**RL 9.02 Scope; nature of proceedings.** The rules in this chapter govern the procedures for requesting the Wisconsin department of revenue to certify whether an applicant is liable for delinquent taxes owed to this state under s. 440.08 (4) (b), Stats., as created by 1995 Wis. Act 27 and amended by 1995 Wis. Act 233, to review denial of an application for renewal because the applicant is liable for delinquent taxes.

**History:** Emerg. cr. eff. 11-14-96; Cr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9-1-96.

**RL 9.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

**(1) "Applicant"** means a person who applies for renewal of a credential. "Person" in this subsection includes a business entity.

**(2) "Credential"** has the meaning in s. 440.01 (2) (a), Stats.

**(3) "Department"** means the department of regulation and licensing.

**(4) "Liable for any delinquent taxes owed to this state"** has the meaning set forth in s. 73.0301 (1) (c), Stats.

**History:** Emerg. cr. eff. 11-14-96; Cr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9-1-96; correction in (4) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats.

**RL 9.04 Procedures for requesting the department of revenue to certify whether an applicant for renewal is liable for delinquent taxes.** **(1) RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM.** If the department receives a renewal application that does not include the information required by s. 440.08 (2g) (b), Stats., the application shall be denied unless the applicant provides the missing information within 20 days after the department first received the application.

**Note:** 1997 Wis. Act 191 repealed s. 440.08 (2g) (b), Stats.

**(2) SCREENING FOR LIABILITY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.** The name and social security number or federal employer identification number of an applicant shall be compared with information at the Wisconsin department of revenue that identifies individuals and organizations who are liable for delinquent taxes owed to this state.

**(3) NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY BECAUSE OF TAX DELINQUENCY.** If an applicant is identified as being liable for any delinquent taxes owed to this state in the screening process under sub. (2), the Wisconsin department of revenue shall mail a notice to the applicant at the last known address of the applicant according to s. 440.11, Stats., or to the address identified in the applicant's renewal application, if different from the address on file in the department. The notice shall state that the application for renewal submitted by the applicant shall be denied unless, within 10 days from the date of the mailing of the notice, the department of regulation and licensing receives a copy of a certificate of tax clearance issued by the Wisconsin department of revenue which shows that the applicant is not liable for delinquent state taxes or unless the Wisconsin department of revenue provides documentation to the department showing that the applicant is not liable for delinquent state taxes.

**(4) OTHER REASONS FOR DENIAL.** If the department determines that grounds for denial of an application for renewal may exist other than the fact that the applicant is liable for any delinquent taxes owed to this state, the department shall make a determination on the issue of tax delinquency before investigating other issues of renewal eligibility.

**History:** Emerg. cr. eff. 11-14-96; Cr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9-1-96.

**RL 9.05 Denial of renewal.** The department shall deny an application for credential renewal if the applicant fails to complete the information on the application form under s. RL 9.04 or if the Wisconsin department of revenue certifies or affirms its certification under s. 440.08 (4) (b) 3., Stats., that the applicant is liable for delinquent taxes and the department does not receive a current certificate of tax clearance or the Wisconsin department of revenue does not provide documentation showing that the applicant is not liable for delinquent taxes within the time required under s. RL 9.04 (2) and (3). The department shall mail a notice of denial to the applicant that includes a statement of the facts that warrant the denial under s. 440.08 (4) (b), Stats., and a notice that the applicant may file a written request with the department to have the denial reviewed at a hearing before the Wisconsin department of revenue.

**Note:** Section 440.08 (4) (b) 3., Stats., referred to here was repealed by 1997 Wis. Act 237 and a new, unrelated s. 440.08 (4) (b) recreated.

**History:** Emerg. cr. eff. 11-14-96; Cr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9-1-96.

# FILING A COMPLAINT

## COMPLAINTS AND THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESSED

### Board Authority for Professional Discipline

Each of the licensing boards in the department has **statutory authority** to take disciplinary action against licensees who engage in unprofessional conduct or violate other rules/statutes of the board. Unprofessional conduct **typically** includes: practicing fraudulently, negligently, or incompetently, practicing while being impaired by alcohol, **drugs** or mental disability, conviction for a crime related to the licensed practice and similar serious matters.

In taking disciplinary action, boards have the **authority to reprimand** a licensee, to suspend, revoke, or limit a license. The purposes **of** professional discipline, as defined by the Wisconsin Supreme court, are: 1) to protect the public, 2) to promote the rehabilitation of the licensee, 3) to deter other licensees from engaging in similar conduct and 4) to publicly express disapproval of certain conduct.

### How to File A Complaint

Anyone who wishes to file a complaint against a licensee of a board or a complaint involving **activity** with the jurisdiction **of** that board should do so in writing. Preferably a complaint form should be **completed**. Complaint forms are available either **through** the department or the Examining Board offices at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, mailing address, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708. The complaint forms should be completed in detail, **including** the who, what, when, and where of a situation. The information should be set forth in chronological order as best as it can be recalled. If written documents are involved, copies should be included.

### How the Complaint Is Processed

After a complaint is received, it is logged in the department's Division of Enforcement and then screened to determine whether or not the matter is something over which the board has jurisdiction; and, if so, to identify the statute or rule that may have been violated. If the board does have jurisdiction, the complaint is assigned to an attorney and investigator for investigation.

The attorney and the investigator confer during the course of the investigation. In addition, a member of the board may be **assigned as** an advisor in the case. Investigative contacts can be made by telephone, letter, personal interview or any combination of those procedures. The investigation involves gathering relevant facts of the case. Persons with knowledge of the case are contacted. This usually includes the person who made the complaint and the person about whom the complaint was made. If treatment records are involved, they will be obtained. Confidentiality of the records will be maintained as required by law.

Once the investigation is complete, the investigator, attorney and board advisor review the results of the investigation and come to a preliminary decision on whether the case should be closed with no action taken, or whether formal disciplinary action should be commenced.

If the preliminary determination is for case closure, that recommendation, along with relevant findings, is presented by the **investigator** to the members of the board in closed session at a scheduled board meeting. If the board concurs, the file is closed by board motion. Letters are then sent to the person who filed the complaint and to the licensee, explaining that the case was closed and the reasons for closure.

If the determination by the investigative team is to commence disciplinary action, the Division of Enforcement attorney prepares all necessary documents, including a formal complaint against the licensee, and the matter is scheduled for a hearing.

### How The Formal Complaint is Resolved

Disciplinary hearings are conducted by hearing examiners, who are attorneys. While the statutes give the board the authority to preside over hearings without the use of a hearing examiner, most boards request that a hearing examiner be used. Furthermore, if the board members made the decision to issue a complaint, an examiner must be used. This ensures that the prosecutorial and adjudicative functions are separate, and that a fair and impartial decision is made.

The hearing examiner will generally schedule a pre-hearing conference between the parties. The major purposes of the **pre-hearing conference** are to set forth the issues in the case, determine what matters can be resolved without the need for formal testimony, and to establish a schedule for bringing the matter to hearing. Some of the cases, that may lead to the issuance of a formal complaint, are resolved by stipulation between the parties. Of course, such stipulations are subject to the approval of the board involved.

If a formal hearing is necessary, in most cases the hearing examiner presides over it. All testimony is under oath and transcribed. The parties are expected to call whatever witnesses are necessary. The process is very much like a trial. The length of the hearings **can** range from a few hours to several days. Once the hearing is **complete**, the hearing examiner prepares proposed findings of fact, proposed conclusions of law and a proposed decision. **This** is filed with the board, which reviews the decision and determines whether to affirm, reverse or amend it. If a member of the board participated in the investigation, that person is not involved in the board's decision on the case.



The board's options in disciplinary matters are: dismissing the complaint, reprimanding the licensee, limiting, suspending or revoking the licensee's license, or, in some instances, assessing a forfeiture against the licensee. Boards do not have the authority to award monetary damages or to get money back that a party may believe is due. If a party is dissatisfied with a board decision, the decision can be appealed to circuit court. A circuit court decision can in turn be appealed to higher courts.

The above steps set forth very generally the process that takes place if a complaint is filed against a licensee of one of the boards attached to the department. Each case is different, and some variations may occur among the boards.

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